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States

Charley recovery: High school stu-dents got up well before dawn to resume classes Monday for the first time since Hurricane Charley tore through Port Charlotte, Fla., 17 days ago, sharing their building with crosstown rivals whose school fared worse.

Free breakfast was offered to all takers at Port Charlotte High School, where students were squeezed into an early schedule to allow the visiting Charlotte High School students to get going early in the afternoon.

Church abuse: Lawyers for hundreds of alleged victims of sexual abuse by Roman Catholic priests estimate that their clients' claims could cost the Archdiocese of Los Angeles more than \$1.5 billion, the largest amount ever paid out by a diocese, according to court documents

Attorney Raymond P. Boucher said the amount is based on verdicts and settlements in clergy abuse cases nationwide and is consistent with secret estimates of local claims done by a Los Angeles judge earlier this year, the Los Angeles Times reported Sun-

Economic indicator: After taking a rest in June the nation's consumers were full of energy last month, boosting their spending by 0.8 percent, a hopeful sign the economy may be emerging from a summer funk.

The over-the-month increase in consumer spending, reported by the Commerce Department on Monday, marked a turnaround from the 0.2 percent decline registered in June, when high energy prices and a slug-gish job market made for more cautious buy-

Elizabeth Smart kidnapping: The two people evaluating the man charged with kidnapping Elizabeth Smart have never spoken with him, and the judge

in the case has said they disagree on nearly every aspect of his psychology.

A hearing to determine whether Brian David Mitchell is competent to stand trial was scheduled to start Tuesday and last three days, but it could take much longer to deter mine whether Mitchell



is competent, or able to aid in his defense. The two court-appointed experts "are not close to being in agreement," Judge Judith Atherton has said in Salt Lake City

World

U.N. deadline for Sudan: Sudan, awaiting word on whether it will be sanctioned by the international community, hopes for a "reasonable decision" from the U.N. Security Council, the foreign minister said Monday, the U.N.-imposed deadline for quelling violence in its western Darfur provinces.

Mustafa Osman Ismail's remarks came as a U.S. State Department official made a firsthand American assessment of conditions for thousands of people displaced by fighting between Sudanese and rebel forces and

Living with flood waters: Residents wade through flood waters that continue to inundate the low-lying town of Calumpit, Philippines, in Bulacan province north of Manila on Monday. The floods, brought about by heavy monsoon rains last week, affected about 1.3 million people in metropolitan Manila and the main Philippine island of Luzon, with the death toll climbing to at least 35 Monday.

by attacks from Arab militiamen known as Janaiaweed.

The visit by Constance Berry Newman, asistant secretary of state for African affairs, follows tours by U.N. teams who report Tuesday to Secretary-General Kofi Annan on whether the government is doing all it can to rein in the Janjaweed.

Gaza Strip settlements: Israeli Prime Minster Ariel Sharon wants all 21 Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip evacuated at the same time, instead of in three stages, officials said Monday, reflecting a major shift in position

On Monday, Sharon and Defense Minis-ter Shaul Mofaz presented the new plan to the Security Cabinet, a forum of senior ministers, setting off a heated debate.

Charges in attempted coup: Two South Africans acquitted by a Zimbabwe court of weapons charges related to an alleged coup plot in Equatorial Guinea were charged Monday with violating their country's anti-mercenary laws.

Separately, the Justice Ministry said Monday South Africa is considering a request by Equatorial Guinea to question Mark Thatcher, son of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, about his alleged involvement in the foiled coup plot in the oil-rich west African nation.

A total of 88 men are now in custody in South Africa, Equatorial Guinea and Zimbabwe in connection with the plot allegedly foiled in March.

Bangladesh protest: A general strike to protest a recent grenade attack that killed 20 people at an opposition political rally brought Bangladesh to a near standstill

Shops and schools were closed and most traffic halted across the country during the dawn-to-dusk strike called by opposition Awami League activists. It was the fourth strike in a week

Jewish center attack: French police detained a man Monday believed to be responsible for a recent arson attack on a Jewish community center in Paris, judicial officials

The suspect did not appear to have been motivated by anti-Semitism, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Serbia-Montenegro's U.N. bid: Roma-nian President Ion Iliescu on Monday voiced support for Serbia-Montenegro's desire to join the European Union, saying it would stabilize the volatile Balkan region. Romania is seeking to join the EU in 2007.

War on terrorism

Afghan torture hearing: A hearing for three Americans charged with torturing Afghans on a private anti-terror mission was postponed on Monday for 10 days at the de-fendants' request after they brought in American lawvers.

Jonathan Idema, Edward Caraballo and Brent Bennett, who are also charged with kidnapping and holding Afghans in a makeshift jail, were due in court Monday for what had been expected to be the decisive hearing.

Pakistan defends terror record: Pakistan on Monday claimed it had the best record in the international war on terrorism, and rejected allegations that Taliban rebels were finding sanctuary on its soil.

"Our effort has been second to none in terms of results. Nobody's record matches ours," Foreign Ministry spokesman Masood Khan told a news conference.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Messages of Support

As the day screams out to you with a noise of disaster And the night seems to settle into the silence that only awaits the shadows unknown, the shadows that you only know and the noise you only know. Just remember, acknowledge, that there are as many of us, as there are of you, that

support you for being braver than me. I am there by your side, watching, waiting to help you along. Look for me in what you are fighting for, Look for me, I am freedom. You are giving us all the Freedom to go on. GOD BLESS YOU ALL. A Southern LADY

LIUST WANT TO THANK ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN FOR ALL THEIR DOING TO PROTECT OUR COUNTRY AND OUR FREEDOM GOD RUSS FACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU., KAY MILLER

Al-Sadr urges followers to stop fighting

BY KIM HOUSEGO The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Rebel Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr called on his followers across Iraq on Monday to end their uprising against U.S. and Iraqi forces while he considers forming a political move-ment, senior al-Sadr officials said

Monday If al-Sadr follows through, and he has backed away from other commitments in the past, it could signal a major victory for the government of interim Prime Minister Avad Allawi, removing a thorn in its side and potentially bringing many of the poor Shiites that follow al-Sadr into the political process

The announcement came as Irag's vital oil exports ground to a halt Monday following a rash of pipeline attacks, costing the country tens of millions of dollars a day in desperately needed reconstruction revenue, oil officials and a regional governor said.

Sheik Ali Smeisim, a political adviser to al-Sadr, announced the cease-fire call in the holy city of Najaf, calling on militants to "stop firing until the announcement of the political program adopted by the Sadrist movement."

In addition, he called for U.S. and Iraqi troops to pull out of the center of Iraqi cities, though that did not appear to be a condition for the unilateral cease-fire. Asked if the cease-fire will take effect immediately, Smeisim said: "I hope so."

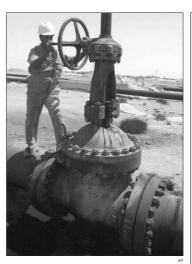
Fiercely opposed to a continued U.S. presence in Iraq, al-Sadr had dealt the biggest challenge yet to Allawi's two-month-old government - which he has denounced as an American puppet - leading a three-week uprising in the holy city of Najaf that ended with a peace deal last

The Najaf violence, however, had spread to other Shiite communities in Iraq, and al-Sadr's aides and Iraqi government officials met in Baghdad on Monday to try to negotiate an end to the violence that has wracked the slum of Sadi

The government has repeatedly called on al-Sadr to disband his militia and join politics: Al-Sadr had refused. His aides made no mention Monday of whether he would dissolve the militia, but for the first time said he was preparing to enter politics.

This latest initiative shows that we want stability and security in this country by ending all confrontation in all parts of Iraq," said Sheik Raed al-Khadami al-Sadr's spokesman in Baghdad. "Al-Sadr's office in Najaf will issue a call within the next two days to join the political process.

Such a move would help bring legitimacy to elections scheduled for January, though the govern-



A worker does routine maintenance on an oil pipeline near Basra, Iraq, on Monday. According to a senior oil official, oil exports from southern Iraq, which account for nearly 90 percent of total exports, have ground to a complete halt because of insurgent attacks on pipelines.

ment is still trying to cope with a 16-month-old Sunni insurgency.

In an interview Monday with Al-Arabiya television, Iraq's national security adviser. Mouwaffag al-Rubaie, reiterated that

al-Sadr must disband his militia. "Building democracy in Iraq can not happen while armed militias exist in Iraq," he said.

Al-Sadr visited the Imam Ali Shrine in Najaf for the first time since his militia left the holy site Friday after using it as a refuge

the office of Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, Iraq's top Shiite cleric, who now holds the keys to the

Also Monday, the U.S. military announced that a roadside bomb attack on a U.S. military convoy just outside Mosul, 225 miles northwest of Baghdad, killed one U.S. soldier and wounded two oth-

Meanwhile, officials said Monday that oil exports from the south - which account for 90 per-

U.S. deaths in Iraq

As of Friday, 968 U.S. servicemembers have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 724 died as a result of hostile action and 244 died of nonhostile causes

The British military has reported 64 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, 11; Poland, 10; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 830 U.S. troops have died — 615 as a result of hostile action and 215 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers Friday. The department did not provide an undate on Sunday. ■ The latest deaths reported

by U.S. Central Command or family members: A soldier was killed in Iraq when his fuel truck hit a land mine.

■ The latest identifications reported by the military: No identifications reported.

cent of Iraq's exports - had stopped completely

Two senior officials from the state-run South Oil Co. said on the condition of anonymity that attacks in the southern Rumeila oil fields Sunday immediately shut down the Zubayr 1 pumping sta-tion, forcing officials to use reserves from storage tanks to keep exports flowing for several hours. The reserves ran out late Sunday. they said.

Basra Gov. Hassan al-Rashid. when asked to confirm whether oil exports had halted, said: "Yes, they are stopped.'

Associated Press Writer Abbas Fayadh contributed to this report from Basra.

Convicted GI testifies against Pfc. England

By ESTES THOMPSON The Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. - A soldier already convicted in the Abu Ghraib prison abuse scandal testified Monday that fellow Army reservist Pfc. Lynndie England was a willing participant in creating the "human pyramid" of naked Iraqi detainees shown in infamous photographs from Iraq.

Pvt. Jeremy C. Sivits testified at a hearing in England's case that he helped escort one detainee into the Baghdad prison one night in December 2003. He said a sergeant who was in charge ordered England and another soldier to stop "stomping on the fingers and toes" of a detainee.

After that sergeant left, Sivits testified, he watched as Spc. Charles Graner Jr. and others stacked seven naked detainees who had bags over their heads, in the human pyramid and photographed them The photos included shots of

England, 21, smiling and pointing at one detainee's genitals and nosing behind the pyramid.

'Corporal Graner seemed like he was enjoying it," said Sivits, of the Maryland-based 372nd Military Police Company. He testified that England was "having a good

Sivits pleaded guilty in the scandal and is serving a year in prison. He testified by telephone Monday from the brig at Camp Leieune.

England is one of seven members of the 372nd charged in the scandal. Graner has been portraved as the group's ringleader. Staff Set. Ivan "Chin" Frederick II announced last week that he would plead guilty to some of the charges against him.

The hearing, which began earli-er this month, is to determine



Army Pfc. Lynndie England exits her car Monday in a driving rain at Fort Bragg, N.C., upon arriving at her Article 32 hearing on charges of abusing Iraqi detainees at the Abu Ghraib prison.

whether England, a personnel clerk from Fort Ashby, W.Va., should face a court-martial on 13 counts of abusing detainees and six counts stemming from possession of sexually explicit photos not involving detainees. If convicted, she could get up to 38 years in prison.

Defense mum on tactic for accused info-sharer

By MELANTHIA MITCHELL The Associated Press

SEATTLE - The defense for Spc. Ryan Anderson faces a black-and-white challenge: The tank crewman is shown on videotape willingly sharing military information with federal undercover agents he believed to be al-Oaida members.

Anderson, 27, was set to begin his court-martial Monday on charges he tried to help the terrorist group. The trial at Fort Lewis, south of Seattle, was expected to last five days.

Anderson pleaded innocent Aug. 9 to five counts of trying to provide the al-Oaida terrorist network with information about U.S. troop strength and tactics, as well as methods for killing American soldiers

Anderson, a member of the

81st Armor Brigade now in Iraq, faces life in prison without parole. A conviction requires agreement by two-thirds of a panel of commissioned officers



Anderson

sioned officers than a judge or a mixed panel of offic-

rather

ers and enlisted soldiers

Specifics of the case have been guarded, with Anderson's attorney, Maj. Joseph Morse, and military prosecutor, Maj. Chris Jenks, refusing to comment.

Forget the human enemy. Humvee gunners in Najaf face something just as bad:

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of the 3rd Battalion, 153rd

Infantry Regiment of the

Arkansas National Guard

By JASON CHIIDY Stars and Stripes

NAJAF, Iraq sk Humvee gunner Spc. Tim Collins of the 3rd Battalion, 153rd Infantry Regiment of the Arkansas National Guard about what worried him most about fighting in Najaf, and the answer

is surprising. wasn't enemy fire, but rather low-hang-ing electrical wires and steel rehar.

"Around here it's pretty bad, said the 27-year-old from Pocahontas, Ark "It'll either pull you out or decapitate von. He and his driv-

er, Spc. Jimmy Ingram, 32, of Imhoden. Ark spent more than two weeks racing through Najaf's sometimes narrow and always debris-strewn streets, deliver-

ing personnel, supplies or providing supporting fire for Company C, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, all the while dodging low-hanging wires and rebar, the steel reinforcement bars used in construction

Their platoon was attached to Company C before the Najaf

"I believe that's what got [one soldier] last night," Collins said to Ingram. "One guy in the 2-7 Cav got electrocuted, but he didn't

The soldier Collins referred to received cuts and bruises to his chin from either low-hanging wire or a piece of rebar that had flown up from the

Many of the power lines that 44 Around here [the run

throughout the old section of town, where all the fighting took place, hang low above the street, having been strung by residents tapping into the main lines. When 2-7 Cay arrived in Najaf.

hundreds of wires hung along the length of every street, like giant spider webs.

Realizing the danger, soldiers took steps to mini-

mize it

Humvee gunner

Spc. Tim Collins

"We sent the tanks through first," said Capt. Peter Glass, commander of Company C. 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment. His unit was attached to 2-7 Cav for



A soldier looks down a Najaf street through a thick web of electrical wires. The wires are a threat to Humvee gunners, as is rebar sticking out from damaged buildings or those which had been under construction before the fighting started. Rebar also has lodged in the tracks of tanks and Bradleys during the fight.

the Najaf fighting.

The tanks have a .50-caliber machine gun mounted highest on its turret, and when they came back from a mission "the .50 cal looked like a mummy," said Capt. Jason Toepfer, commander of Company C, 2-7 Cav. "We had a couple of guys helping them [re-move wire]. They were taking off hundreds of feet of wire.'

Even after dozens of runs down Najaf's streets by dozens of vehicles, dangling wires remained a problem. Gunfire would cause a new batch of broken wires, which would drop straight down or loop down across the street

Drivers, Collins said, needed to be an extra set of eves for the gunner to warn him of the danger.

"Jimmy's really good at yelling 'Wire, drop!' " Collins said of In-



Humvee gunner Spc. Tim Collins, left, passes on a radio message to Spc. Jimmy Ingram before a resupply mission for soldiers of Company C, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment. Collins said that the gunner and driver need to work together as a team to keep the vehicle out of danger and the gunner out of low hanging wires and rebar. Collins and Ingram are assigned to the Arkansas Army National Guard's 3rd Battalion, 153rd Infantry Regiment, Their platoon was attached to 2-7 Cay for the Najaf fighting.

gram. "He's always telling me something."

The placement of the turret, which is determined by the vehicle's position in the group or by enemy action, may put them at a disadvantage for the wires.

You've gotta have your turret forward," said Ingram. "[The wire] just gets on the [M]240 [machine gunl, and it's bolted in, so it just rips it out. If the turret is facing to the right or left of the truck, it'll do a number on the turret."

"In the daytime you can see it, but nighttime is rough on us," said Staff Sgt. David Specking of the 3-153rd "Even if you can see it with

night vision [goggles] you can't judge the distance. Whether day or night, whenever the gunner is facing backward

on an armored Humvee, he can't see anything coming at him. A metal shield protects the soldier's back from fire or wire, but even if the shield catches the wire there's a possibility of injury.

"A lot of times it'll break on the shield back, but it'll come around and hit you in the face or chest. Collins said

One cable broke that way on him. "It slapped me upside the face and left a welt." he said. Rebar, Collins worried, would

do worse than leave a welt. "Rebar will go right through you," Collins said.

And rebar, Company C soldiers say, is everywhere. "My area of responsibility was ... in a con-struction area," Glass said. "A lot of the buildings that

were blown up have rebar hanging down or sticking out from the concrete," Specking said. Piles of the inch-thick rebar

also sat on the ground, waiting to be pulled into the tracks of a passing tank or Bradley fighting vehi-cle. This sometimes puts the Bradleys out of action for a while.
"We had to call a welder a cou-

ple of times to get it out," Glass

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A Company C. 2nd Battalion. 7th Cavalry Regiment soldier watches for the enemy as other company mem bers unload food from two Humvees at their forward position in Najaf. Gunners for the Humvees have to worry about enemy fire and low-hanging wires and rebar, such as that sticking up from the construction site in back, during these missions.

France won't repeal ban on head scarves

Officials refuse demands of militants holding 2 French journalists in Iraq

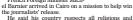
BY JOCELYN GECKER
The Associated Press

PARIS — France vowed Monday to press ahead with a controversial law banning Islamic head scarves in schools, despite demands by militants holding two French journalists hostage in Iraq that Paris revoke the lesislation.

Government spokesman Jean-Francois Cope told Canal Plus television France would not compromise its values to win the release of the journalists, Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot. Militants claiming to hold them demanded the law be overturned within 48 hours — a deadline that was to expire late Monday.

"The law will be applied," Cope said, rejecting the mili-

tants' warning.
The head scarf law goes into effect when school resumes on Wednesday. It forbids public school students from wearing "conspicuous" religious apparel. Jewish skullcaps and large Christott warning to the law is the head scarves — seen by authorities as a sign of rising Muslim fundamentalism in France. French Foreign Minister Mich-



human rights and noted that Muslim leaders in France also had called for the journalists' release.

"I call for their release... for all these reasons, and especially because the perpect for human life is so.

"I call for their release... for all these reasons, and especially because the respect for human life is sacred," Barnier told reporters at the French Embassy in Cairo. Barnier said French officials were going to Baghdad to help the embassy there handle the situation. Asked whether he would go, he said: "Nothing is excluded."

Barnier did not directly address the militants' de-

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mand but said: "This ultimatum is incomprehensible, given the reality of French society."

Chesnot and Malbrunot were last heard from on Aug. 19, just before heading from Baghdad to the southern city of Najaf. Chesnot works for Radio France-Internationale and Radio France and Malbrunot for RTL radio and the dailies Le Figaro and Ouest-France.

The abduction shook the notion that France's opposition to the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq gave some safety to French citizens amid the rash of kidnappings in Iraq. Some Iraqi militants have previously spared French passport holders — even freeing one man in April after he was able to prove his citizenship by showing his knowledge of French eageranty

showing his knowledge of French geography.

The demand to end the head scarf ban was the first time hostage-takers sought to reverse a nation's domestic law.

Insurgents in Iraq have kidnapped dozens of people, but until know their demands have focused on pushing nations' troop or companies out of Iraa.

Traqi interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said the hostage crisis showed France cannot escape terroriets

"France will not be spared — no more than Italy, Spain, or Egypt," Allawi said in an interview published Monday in Le Monde newspaper. "Governments that decide to remain on the defensive will be the next targets of terrorist.". Avoiding confrontation is not a response."

French President Jacques Chirac vowed Sunday

to spare no effort to secure the reporters' freedom and dispatched Barnier to the Middle East. Chirac appealed on Sunday to the kidnappers, im-

plicitly reminding them that France opposed the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

The European Union also appealed for the report-

and European Union also appealed for the reporters' liberty.

Their kidnapping means "not only freedom of ex-

Their kidnapping means "not only freedom of expression is again at stake, but also the values of tolerance and respect for others to which all Europeans are profoundly attached," said Javier Solana, the EU's top foreign policy official.



An Iraqi woman walks Monday past a mural on the blast wall that surrounds the French Embassy in Baghdad. France vowed to press ahead with a law banning Islamic head scarves in schools, despite demands by militants holding two French journalists hostage in Iraq.

Making 'to serve and protect' the motto of the Iraqi police

BY LISA BURGESS

BAGHDAD — "To serve and protect" is the motto of police departments across the United States. Most police officers take the position as a moral duty, not just a job.

But in the 30 years Saddam Hussein was in power, things were different for Iraqi police. They had the financial outlook of many American waiters: Salary was minimal; the real money was in tips.

Up to now, Iraqis seeking police assistance have been going to the Americans with their complaints, according to a translator for the 1st Cavalry Division. "We tell them to go to the Iraqi police," he said, "and they say, "We do, but they won't help us, and ask us for money."

Capt. Reggie Kornegay, 33, who grew up on the streets of Harlem, N.Y., is not judgmental about the Iraqi police's former operating techniques. He said he understands why police working under Saddam did what they did.

"If the police were corrupt, it was because the entire system was corrupt," said Kornegay, a civilian police of fore for seven years and now a civil affairs officer with the 478th Civil Affairs Battalion. He is currently attached to the Ist Battalion, 49th Cavalry Regiment in Baghdad.



LISA BURGESS/Stars and St

Capt. Reggie Kornegay, a civil affairs officer with the 478th Civil Affairs Battalion who is attached to the 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment in Baghdad, goes over last-minute preparations for the inaugural class of the Iraqi Police Ledders Operational Assistance and Development Course with interpreter Nora Issam.

"You don't blame individual officers if the leadership did not instill" the service ethic, he said.

But in order to "establish the true legitimacy" of the Iraqi police force, that has to change, he said. And now. "all the tools are

present" for a professional force, he said.

The coalition has invested millions of dollars in the new force. In the past year, thousands of Iraqi police officers have undergone coalition-sponsored training in the fundamentals of tactical police work. Most have weapons and uniforms, and most police stations have been rebuilt to provide

protection against attack.

But something basic is still missing: "We need to instill the

moral, ethical and professional characteristics of a police department," said Kornegay, who has been assigned to training Iraqi police. "Anyone will tell you it's not there.

"Hell, the [Iraqi police] leaders

will tell you it's not there."
That's why Sunday morning at
Forward Operating Base Headhunter, 20 Iraqi police patrol and
section leaders sat in a makeshift
classroom, listening to trainers explain the curriculum for the new
five-day Iraqi Police Leaders Operational Assistance and Development Course

The sessions will emphasize community policing, ethics and professional standards of behavior.

The original six trainers for the course are Kornegay, two Iraqi interpreters along with Spc. Sean Martin, Sgt. Melvin Slagle and Staff Sgt. Kelsey Groff, all members of Company C, 1st Battalion, 153rd Infantry, of the Arkansas National Guard.

Kornegay hopes that what the staff is trying to teach the Iraqis will make a big difference to the police force — and to Iraq as a whole

"When the Iraqi police can effectively operate and protect the community, we will see a drastic change in the sentiments of the people," Kornegay said. "Professional policing saves lives."

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Garmisch resort taking R&R reservations

By CHARLIE COON

The Armed Forces Recreation Center's Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in the Bavarian Alps has begun taking reservations from troops who will be returning from downrange or are on rest and re-

cuperation leave.
"Rooms are reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis," said Richard LeBrun, Edelweis's general manager, in a press release. "However, [we] will make sure to accommodate any servicemember and family wishing to particulate in the Operation R&R Propagation of the propers of

For information and reservations on rest and recuperation packages, call civilian (+49) (0)8821-72981 or DSN 440-2575

E-mails can be sent to

vacation@afrc.garmisch.army.mil. Put "R&R package" in the subject line. The resort's Web site is www.edelweisslodgeandresort.com

gram, a program only for those on R&R or block leave with their unit"

The new resort is in Garmisch at the foot of the Zugspitze, the tallest peak in Germany, and is about a five-hour drive from ____

Edelweiss' grand opening is scheduled for Sept. 15. Ski season opens the last weekend in Novem-

The two-night packages for troops and civilians on R&R cost \$90 for single occupancy and \$120 for two people in a room, including breakfast and dinner. Additional nights cost \$45 and \$60,

respectively, per night.
Children 12 and younger can stay and eat for free, and the charge is \$18 for youths ages 13 to 17.
Additional nights can be

booked at the same rate.

The resort is also open to Department of Defense civilian employees and retirees.

The 330-room hotel will include three restaurants, game rooms, parking garage and indoor pool. The visitors also can use the nine-hole golf course and campground.

Edelweiss, which was named for a flower native to the region, was built using a \$58 million loan taken out by the U.S. military. It consolidates former hotel operations in Garmisch and Chiemsee

that were run by AFRC Europe.
As things are set now, all the soldiers of the Würzburg-based 1st
Infantry Division who were de-ployed to Iraq will be eligible for
two weeks of rest and recuperation in the coming months, according to Lt. Col. Chris Kolenda, the
division's rear detachment commander.

"Some of the people will want to travel, some will want to stay home and some will want to go back home to the States," Kolenda said. "My advice to them is to just enjoy the time."

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Freed Turkish hostages back home

> BY JAMES C. HELICKE The Associated Press

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Two Turkish engineers taken hostage in neighboring Iraq returned to Turkey on Monday, a day after being freed by Iraqi militants, Turkish television reported.

The release of Ali Daskin and Abdullah Ozdemir came only days after the men's employers announced they were pulling out of Iraq to save the men's lives.

The men crossed from Iraq into Turkey at the southeastern Habur border point, reports said. The engineers were kidnapped

from a construction site in Iraq.
In a video broadcast Wednesday on two Turkish television stations, the militants said they would kill the men if their companies did not leave within three

Hours later, the two men's companies announced that they were withdrawing their staff from Iraq.

The men's companies, Usluel and SA-RA, leading Turkish energy companies, were contracted by the Iraqi Energy Ministry to upgrade the country's power grid.

In the video, Daskin and Ozdemir were seen kneeling in front of two armed insurgents, holding up their Turkish passports. Daskin said Islamic fighters had captured them.

Al-Qaida linked militants loyal to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi recently shot dead another Turkish hostage, Murat Yuce, who worked for another Turkish company.

Several other Turks are believed to still be held as hostages in Iraq.



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IN THE WORLD

Russia's choice wins Chechnya presidency

BY MIKE ECKEL

GROZNY, Russia — The Russian government's choice to lead warring Chechnya easily won a presidential election held in the wake of last week's terrorist destruction of two airliners, election officials said Monday. The opposition charged that voting was tainted by fraud.

Alu Alkhanov, the region's top police official, replaces Kremlin-backed president Akhmad Kadyrov, who was assassinated in a bomb attack in May.

Alkhanov received nearly 74 percent of the vote in Sunday's balloting, Chechen elections commission head Abdul-Kerim Arsakhanov said.

Other candidates complained of widespread violations in a vote that was shadowed by violence, including a man who blew himself up near a polling station in the Chechen capital Grozny.

Alkhanov also had received widespread coverage on local television and radio, while the six other candidates were seen little. Worries about terrorism were stoked by the crashes of the Russian airliners five days before the election; officials said traces of explosives were found in the wreckage, and there are suspicions two

Chechen women conducted the

suicide attacks



Kremlin-favored candidate Alu Alkhanov, who won the presidential election in warring Chechnya, speaks to the media in the Chechen capital of Grozny on Monday.

Candidate Abdullah Bugayev said he had formally complained to election officials after seeing several violations, including an Alkhanov campaign worker who ordered people to vote for him at a polling station. A representative of Movsur Khamidov, another candidate, said he found ballot boxes at a polling place stuffed shortly after the station opened.

The election was part of the Kremlin's strategy try to undermine support for separatist rebels who have been fighting Russian forces for nearly five years by inducing a sense of civil order in the republic.

An election last October based on that strategy brought Kadyrov to power, but he was killed in a bomb blast in Grozny, the Chechen capital, in May. Fighting, violent crime and abductions have continued unabated.

NATO authorities detain suspect in Kabul blast

U.S. tells citizens in Afghanistan to exercise caution

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM

KABUL, Afghanistan — Investigators probing a deadly car bombing in the Afghan capital questioned a man detained at the Kabul airport with traces of explosives on his hands, officials said Monday, while U.S. authorities warned all Americans in the capital to be inconspicuous.

Taliban rebels claimed responsibility for Sunday's blast at a U.S. security firm, but officials said they are not ruling out any suspects, including al-Qaida. Hospital officials said 10 people were killed, including three Ameri-

NATO troops grew suspicious of a man on the grounds of the Kabul airport on Sunday, spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Ken Mackillop said. After finding explosives on his hands, NATO turned the man over to Afghan authorities on Monday. The man was not identified.

"There is a suspicion against

him, but for now there is no link or proof that he was involved in yesterday's attack," Interior Ministry spokesman Latfulha Mashal said. The Tailban claimed responsibility for the blast at the office of Dyncorp Inc., which provides bodyguards for Afghan President Hamid Karzai and works for the American government in Iraq.



Guards secure the site of an explosion Sunday in Kabul, Afghanistan. The powerful explosion struck an office of an American security firm in downtown Kabul, killing 10 people and leaving the building in flames, officials said.

Security officials have issued repeated warnings in recent weeks that militants could step up attacks to disrupt the country's landmark Oct. 9 presidential election.

On Monday, the U.S. Embassy e-mailed Americans in Kabul to tell them to limit their movements, take strict security measures and avoid "potential target areas" such as government offices, military bases and upscale restaurants frequented primarily by foreigners.

U.N. staff were also urged to stay off the streets.

who claims to speak for the Taliban, said the Islamic radical group carried out the attack with a time bomb in a car. He warned that more attacks would follow. "We appeal to civilians to stay away from the elections and place so where the Americans and coalition are living and working," Latifi told The Associated Press by telephone from an undisclosed location. "They are our priority targets."

His claim could not be verified independently, and Mackillop said investigators, including the FBI and Interpol, had closed off no line of inquiry.

There were conflicting reports of the number killed in the attack, but hospitals said they were holding 10 bodies, making it the deadliest violence in Kabul since a car bomb killed 30 Afghans and wounded 150 on Sept. 5, 2002.

Associated Press writers Amir Shah in Kabul and Noor Khan in Kandahar contributed to this report.

U.N. Kosovo head meets on elections

BY MISHA SAVIC The Associated Press

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro — Kosovo's new U.N. administrator met Monday with top Serbian officials over key general elections in the troubled, U.N.-run province, where an embittered and dwindling Serb community has threatened to boycott the vote.

Soren Jessen-Petersen of Denmark, who became head of the U.N. Kosovo mission earlier this month, met with Foreign Minister Vuk Draskovic, President Boris Tadic and Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica.

"I need and I want to have an belgrade (leadership), to make sure that I am aware ... of their concerns" while running the U.N. mission in Kosovo, Jessen-Petersen said after meeting Tadic.

Referring to scattered ethnically motivated violence against Serbs in Kosovo, the top U.N. official said his priority was to make "Kosovo secure for everybody living there."

Although the government in

Belgrade has no authority over Kosovo, it maintains some influence over Kosovo Serbs. Jessen-Petersen declined to

immediately disclose if he asked officials in Belgrade to try to persuade the Kosovo Serbs to take part in the province's general elections set for Oct. 23.

But LIN spokesman Jeff Rie.

But U.N. spokesman Jeff Bieley said that "Mr. Jessen-Petersen repeatedly has stated that staying out of the democratic process would damage the interests of the Serb community."

In the few elections held in Kosovo so far, Serbs took part only reluctantly, arguing that their situation was deteriorating regardless of their cooperation.

An escalation of anti-Serb violence in March left 19 people dead and several thousand Serbs homeless. Up to 200,000 Serbs fled in the aftermath of the 1998-1999 Kosovo war.

"We want to see Kosovo as a respectful member of the region," the U.N. official said. "I am very pleased with the first meeting" with the Serbian leadership since becoming the sixth chief administrator of the U.N. mission established in 1999.

Porn film crew captures foiled robbery on camera

The Associated Press

OSLO, Norway — Police fired shots and foiled an armed robbery of a cash transport in downtown Oslo early Monday, as the dramatic showdown was captured on video by a crew filming a pornographic movie nearby.

At least three robbers, their faces covered by ski masks, threatened the unarmed guards of a cash transport vehicle at about 1:30 a.m. Passers-by saw the robbery attempt and alerted police.

Hans Halvorsen, head of the Oslo police crime unit, said normally unarmed police were issued weapons, and reached the scene in time to catch the robbers in the act.

"The robbers were arrested with a significant amount of cash," he

said at a news conference. "We can't say how much yet, but it was

lot." Halvorsen confirmed that police

fired at the fleeing robbers.

The robbery took place at Aker
Brygge, an upscale shopping center and apartment complex on the
Oslo waterfront. A film crew was
making a porn movie in one of the
apartments, and heard shouting.

"We heard a lot of noise outside, and went to check. I saw a guard collapsing onto the ground, and a guy running," porn star Thomas "Rocco" Hansen said on national

He said one film crew member grabbed a camera and recorded the rest of the action and the arrests. The tape, which lasts about an hour, was turned over to the po-

Oldest German dies

STUTTGART, Germany
— Germany's oldest person
died in her sleep early Monday at age 111, according to
her nursing home.

Lina Zimmer, one of six children, was born in 1892 when Kaiser Wilhelm II ruled Germany and horse-drawn carriages still rode down the main street of her hometown of Stutt-

The former dressmaker married Richard Zimmer, a graphic artist, in 1915 and spent 60 years with him before his death in 1975.

She celebrated her 111th birthday on Nov. 20 surrounded by family.

Zimmer once shared her secret for a long life: "Living sensibly, not getting excited and being content."

From The Associated Press

IN THE STATES

Bush: Even if unwinnable, terror must be fought

BY DEB RIECHMANN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush says staying the course in the war on terror will make the world safer for future generations, though he acknowledges an all-out victory against terrorism may not be possi-

In an interview on NBC-TV's "Today show broadcast to coincide with Monday's start of the Republican National Convention in New York, Bush said retreating from the war on terror "would be a disaster for your children."

Says U.S. must stay course to make world safer

"You cannot show weakness in this world today because the enemy will ex-ploit that weakness," he said. "It will embolden them and make the world a more dangerous place.

When asked "Can we win?" the war on terror, Bush said, "I don't think you can win it. But I think you can create condi tions so that the - those who use terror as a tool are - less acceptable in parts of the world.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan sought to clarify Bush's statement, saying the president was speaking about winning the war "in the conventional sense."

"I don't think you can expect that there will ever be a formal surrender or a treaty signed like we have in wars past," he said.

"That's what he was talking about. It requires a generational commitment to win this war on terrorism."

Nonetheless, Democratic vice presiden-tial candidate John Edwards seized on the

"After months of listening to the Republicans base their campaign on their singular ability to win the war on terror, the president now says we can't win the war on terrorism" the North Carolina senator said This is no time to declare defeat

Before leaving for a campaign swing through New Hampshire and Michigan, Bush practiced the speech he'll deliver to the convention Thursday night when he accepts the GOP nomination for a second

Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is surrounded by the media Monday during the first day of the Republican National Convention in New York



GOP ratifies platform, portrays president as strong war leader

BY DAVID ESPO

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Republican National Convention delegates ratified President Bush's unflinchingly conservative re-election platform Monday, then settled in for a day of political oratory extolling him as a leader for all Americans in an age of terrorism.

Democratic challenger John Kerry is "weak on war and wrong on taxes." said House Speaker Dennis Hastert.

The delegates met at Madison Square Garden, four miles from the scarred landscape where the World Trade Center twin towers once stood Officials mustered a security force of thousands in the area around the hall, part of an effort to thwart any attempt at a repeat attack. A helicopter circled the skies over the arena, while pobarricades made 18-square-block surrounding the area off-limits to most vehicles.

Inside the hall, Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife Lynne were ushered to their seats in time to hear his name placed in nomination for another term.
"Four more years" the delegates shouted in unison.

Cheney speaks Wednesday night, followed by Bush's prime-time acceptance speech Thursday, an appearance that marks the end of the convention season and the beginning of the fall campaign for the White House.

Polls show Bush in a tough race for re-election, and Kerry has been helped by surveys in which at least a strong plurality of Americans says the country is headed in the wrong direction. At the same time, the president receives high marks from the public for his decisiveness and leadership. And recent attacks by an outside group of veterans on Kerry's decorated Vietnam War record have coincided with polls suggesting increased momentum for the president.

Democrats call the attacks a Republican-financed smear cam-

The platform, crafted to Bush's specifications, lauded his response to the terrorist attacks. 'The president's most solemn duty is to protect our country. George W. Bush has kept that charge," it said.

Envisioning a new "ownership era," it also endorsed additional tax relief and major changes to Social Security allowing individuals to use a portion of their payroll taxes to establish personal retirement accounts.

The platform also calls for constitutional amendments to ban gay marriages and abortions, and unholds the administration's nolicy limiting federal funding for embryonic stem cell research to in existence as of three years ago.

The evening oratory was pitched at a different audience. Sen. John McCain and Rudolph Giuliani had the featured speaking slots. The Arizona senator has strong appeal among indepen-dents and the former New York City mayor was widely praised for his actions in the wake of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Their appearances at the podi-

um were part of a larger convention-week effort by Republicans to broaden Bush's appeal beyond conservative base. Both McCain and Giuliani oppose the constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

New Yorkers were under per-sistent prodding to "play nice" with Republicans who showed up in large numbers in their overwhelmingly Democratic city.

Not everyone was so inclined. Some delegates said anti-Bush protesters greeted them with an upraised middle finger. "Inconve-Republican Convention Sale" read a handwritten sign in one small store a few blocks from the arena

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Edwards accuses Bush of failed leadership in war

BY AARON BEARD The Associated Press

WILMINGTON, N.C. - Vice presidential candidate John Edwards gave a sweeping denunciation of the Bush administration's foreign policy Monday, accusing the president of a "failure of lead ership" as the Republican National Convention opened in New York City.

Speaking at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Edwards cited the Abu Ghraib prison abuse in Iraq as an example and contended that the "climate for the terrible abuses was set be cause this administration sent our troops into battle without a plan to win the peace. Edwards sought to counter Re-

publicans, including Vice President Dick Cheney, who plan during the GOP convention to emphasize that Bush is the kind of "strong and steadfast" leader the country needs to continue the war against terrorists.

In an interview last week with The New York Times, Bush said he made a "miscalculation of what the conditions would be" after U.S. troops went to Iraq.

"The president called it a mis-calculation," Edwards said. "You can call it anything you want, but

the truth is, it was a failure of lead-

Other mistakes, according to Edwards, include going to war without strong allies, waiting for three years after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks to reform intelligence operations, turning its back on Afghanistan, failing to listen to the 9/11 commission, and stand-ing by while North Korea and Iran advanced their nuclear weapons programs.

"But I don't need to tell you or the American people about all that's gone wrong in the last four years," he said. "You know."

years," he said. "You know." Edwards said a Kerry adminis-tration would create a "Nuclear Whistleblower Initiative" in which the United States would give asylum and protection to any scientist in a foreign country particularly Iran and North Korea — who discloses an illicit weapons program.

Steve Schmidt, a Bush cam paign spokesman, called Ed-wards' claims "a series of baseless attacks from a Democratic ticket that's far outside the mainstream on these issues." Schmidt said the accusations

weren't credible because they came from a team that has advocated for a more "sensitive" war on terror and has claimed the war created more terrorists.



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Israeli official met with DOD spy suspect

BY KARIN LAUB

JERUSALEM - A senior Is raeli dinlomat in Washington has met with a Pentagon analyst being investigated by the FBI on suspicion he passed classified information to Israel Israeli officials confirmed Monday.

However Israeli officials reiterated Monday that Israel does not have a spy at the Pentagon. Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom said meetings between Israeli embassy emplovees and U.S. government officials are commonplace, and that the two governments routinely share secrets

"Israel and the United States have intimate ties ... and the information being exchanged is much more classified than any conversation that may have taken place," Shalom told a news conference.

U.S. officials say the FBI investigation focuses Lawrence A. Franklin, an analyst of Iranian affairs who works in a Pentagon policy of fice headed by Douglas J. Feith, the undersecretary for policy. Feith has been accused by Democrats of seeking to manipulate intelligence to help make the case for going to war in Iraq. Congressional investi-gations have found no evidence of that.

The Israeli diplomat was identified as Naor Gilon, head of the political department at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, and a specialist on Iran's nuclear weapons program. Shalom did not mention Gilon by name, but when asked about contacts between Gilon and Franklin did not deny they had taken place.

The Israeli daily Maariy on Monday quoted Gilon as saying that he did nothing wrong. "My hands are clean. I have

nothing to hide," he said. "I acted according to the regula-

Newsweek, citing U.S. intelligence officials said that Franklin on one occasion allegedly tried to hand over a classified U.S. policy document on Iran, but that the Israeli diplomat refused to take it.

Maariv quoted Israeli sources as saving that Gilon did not take documents from Franklin, but had frequent meetings with him

CIA fights against drive to place paramilitaries under DOD control

Wants operations to remain separate despite 9/11 commission suggestion

BY JOHN J. LUMPKIN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Opening a rare window into a secret world, the CIA and the Pentagon are publicly fighting a proposal to central-ize under Defense Department control the U.S. covert paramilitary operations used increasingly in recent years in Afghanistan

and elsewhere. The commission that investigate ed the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks recommended the change, but CIA and defense leaders insist they are not convinced of the need They say CIA paramilitaries and military special operations forces each have distinct capabilities but work well together.

Besides, they say, there are some things that only the CIA can

do.
"I would not accept that recommendation," acting Director of Central Intelligence John McLaughlin testified to senators recently. "I think we have a perfect marriage now of CIA and military capabilities. CIA brings to the mix agility and speed. Military brings lethality."

The Sept. 11 commissioners had argued that having two such organizations within the government was redundant.

"Whether the price is measured in either money or people. the United States cannot afford to build two separate capabilities for carrying out secret military operations, secretly operating standoff missiles and secretly training foreign military or paramilitary forces," their report

"The United States should consary legal authorities in one enti-

The commissioners described a CIA plan in early 1998 to go after al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden using operatives from the spy agency and the military. The was ultimately scrubbed after senior CIA officials and some military officers registered concerns at the risks to U.S. forc-

es and civilians. Paramilitary operations include training pro-U.S. government or rebel forces, destablizing govern-ments and organizations through violence, and direct attacks on Such operations sometimes are

overseen by the CIA and sometimes by special military units such as the Green Berets. Which



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ed rapidly since. In contrast, the military's Special Operations Command numbers 49,000 people, including

reservists, support personnel and 3,000 civilians. One key distinction between the two is how they are ordered into action. Special operations troops are subject to the military chain of command, and also to various laws and international treaties governing the use of armed force

For the CIA paramilitaries to go into action, the president must sign a secret document called a "finding" that governs their activities, and designated congressional leaders are informed

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operations under his department's

control. "There are clearly things that

the Central Intelligence Agency does that are covert that the Department of Defense ought not to do," he said

Gen. Richard Myers said, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said, "There is not a lot of enthusiasm at this point for that kind of change," suggesting there's a

Two forms of secret operations

CIA paramilitary forces and the military's special operations forces - such as the Green Berets can participate in similar covert missions but have notable differences.

SIZE OF FORCE

HOW ORDERED

INTO ACTION



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Military's special operations forces

Very small: size classified Usual military chain President must sign a secret document

paramilitaries

OPERATIONAL Bound by certain DIFFERENCES laws of engagement; spending for supplies must an through

May operate without uniforms or identification: more flexible with spending

limit on what uniformed U.S. military personnel should be allowed to do

The CIA's paramilitaries are part of the agency's covert operations arm, called the Special Activities Division. Some unit members specialize in propaganda and economic and political disrup-

tion. Others, members of the Special Operations Group, are true warriors Unlike the Green Berets, the

CIA officers can operate without uniforms or identification as U.S. government employees. If any are caught or killed, the government can plausibly deny involve-

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Alexandra, left, and Vanessa Kerry, daughters of Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry, address the audience about the importance of voting. The Bush daughters also appeared at the show — on videotape.



The group OutKast performs during the MTV Video Music Awards in Miami on Sunday.

awards: A little political, a little polite

BY ADRIAN SAINZ The Associated Press

MIAMI - There was no Madonna-Britney Spears kiss, no partially-clad Howard Stern coming down from the rafters, and cer-

tainly no wardrobe malfunctions. The MTV Awards show on Sunday featured typical frenetic energy and sexy style, and a few musical surprises, but it was mostly a kinder, gentler version of past

Usher showed as much skin as anybody, preening in front of the camera barechested as simulated raindrops fell on his chiseled body during the opening perfor-mance of "Burn." And the sometimes raunchy comedian Dave Chappelle even kept it relatively clean - despite teasing that he wouldn't

"It's the biggest mistake you made since Janet Jackson at the

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Super Bowl," he jokingly warned alluding to the MTV-produced Super Bowl halftime flesh show that created a firestorm earlier this year.

The change of scenery to Miami - the show typically is held in New York or Los Angeles helped raise the decadence level at the celebrity-soaked affair, held at the downtown American Airlines Arena

Some celebrities arrived on the red carpet not by car, but by luxu-ry yacht. "Newlyweds" stars Jes-sica Simpson and Nick Lachey arrived in a 68-foot boat. OutKast's vivid "Hey Ya!"

perhaps best described as the old Ed Sullivan show on acid — won four awards, including video of the year. Jay-Z's "99 Problems, the most nominated video with six, also won four. That gritty black-and-white video depicts the singer's own killing as a meta-

Going home with moonmen

The Associated Press

List of winners for the 2004 MTV Video Music Awards:

Video of the year: OutKast, "Hey Ya!" Best pop video: No Doubt, "It's My Life' Best rap video: Jay-Z, "99 Problems"

Best female video: Beyonce, "Naughty Girl"
Best male video: Usher featuring Lil' Jon & Lu-Best R&B video: Alicia Keys, "If I Ain't Got

Best rock video: Jet, "Are You Gonna Be My

Breakthrough video: Franz Ferdinand, "Take

Best director: Mark Romanek, "99 Problems" Best special effects: OutKast, "Hev Ya! Best art direction: OutKast, Hey Ya!' Best editing: Jay-Z, "99 Problems

Best cinematography: Jay-Z, "99 Problems' Best choreography: Black Eyed Peas, "Hey

Best dance video: Usher, featuring Lil' Jon & Ludacris, "Yeah! Best hip-hop video: OutKast, "Hey Ya!

Best group video: No Doubt, "It's My Life" Best new artist in a video: Maroon 5. "This Love" MTV2 award: Yellowcard, "Ocean Avenue" Viewer's choice: Linkin Park, "Breaking the

Habit'

"I felt like I was trying to push the envelope," Jay-Z, dressed in a dapper white suit and hat, said as he accepted an award — called a moonman after the channel's logo for best rap video.

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Usher won his first moonman as he took best male video for 'Yeah!' "This is my first time coming

up here - let me take my time with this," a beaming Usher said. As usual, the awards were an af-

terthought to explosive performances and surprise cameos. Alicia Keys gave a dramatic, soulful spin of her hit "If I Ain't

Got You," and was buoyed by Stevie Wonder on harmonica. Moments later, she joined Won-

der and Lenny Kravitz as they sang a classic Wonder hit, "Higher Ground."

Keys also appeared on stage to

honor the late Ray Charles, who died in June.

The daughters of Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry and President Bush made an appearance — the Bush daughters on videotape — to urge peo ple to vote. Even the Rev. Al Sharpton made an appearance connected to voting — not for the election, though, but for the viewer's choice award.

The show, held a day before the Republican convention was to kick off in New York City, ended on a patriotic note, as red, white and blue balloons fell from the rafters and fans held "vote" signs during OutKast's closing perfor-



Jessica Simpson greets the crowd outside AmericanAirlines Arena.



Census bureau shakes up info-sharing policy

Agency will not turn over details about minorities to anti-terror officials without approval

The Associated Press

DEARBORN, Mich. — The U.S. Census Bureau says it is ending a practice of routinely turning over detailed information about Arabs or other minorities to anti-terrorism officials without high-level approv-

The Census Bureau revealed Aug. 13 that it had been reporting demographic data about Arab Americans to a Homeland Security agency. The bureau said it only was providing population numbers and not names, addresses or other private details.

Responding to requests over the past two years from the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, the Census Bureau said it had provided files that included a count of U.S. residents of Arab descent in certain ZIP codes. It said names and street addresses were not included.

The release drew sharp criticism from

some advocacy groups, which said it undermined the public's trust.

Census Director Louis Kincannon said data requests from law enforcement and intelligence agencies now must be approved by one of eight associate directors, the second highest-ranking officials in the Census Bureau. He said the policy will not keep police from getting similar numbers in the future, mainly because much of it is already available on the bureau's Web site.

But he told The Detroit News for a story Monday that it lets officials keep tabs on who requests information and how it is used.

"This is an important step in the right direction to restore people's confidence," said Imad Hamad, Dearborn-based Midwest director of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee. "But in many people's minds, the damage is already done. I only hope we can overcome this."

Drunken driver leaves decapitated passenger in truck while he sleeps

The Associated Press

MARIETTA, Ga. — A drunken driver hit a telephone pole support wire that decapitated his passenger, then drove 12 miles home and slept in his bloody clothes, leaving the headless body in his truck, police said

A neighbor walking with his young daughter Sunday morning discovered Daniel Brohm's headless corpse in the truck in John Kemper Hutcherson's driveway and called authorities, said Cpl. Dana Pierce, county police spokesman.

Officers found Hutcherson

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asleep inside his home. He was visibly drunk and his clothes were bloody, authorities said. They later found Brohm's severed head at the crash site.

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"It's hard for one to imagine
that you would drive miles from
a crash site to your home, turning in various directions, and
yet not know what has happened to a passenger sitting

pened to a passenger sitting next to you," Pierce said. Hutcherson, 21, was charged with vehicular homicide, driving under the influence and failure to stop at an accident with death or injury. He was jailed on a \$100,000 bond; it was unclear Monday whether he had an attorney.

Eight years later, man finds HIV test was a false-positive

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A California man who once tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS has learned the diagnosis made eight years ago was mistaken and he was never infected.

Jim Malone spent years battling depression and losing weight, expecting to die at any time. He attended support group meetings and accepted free meals from an AIDS charity.

Malone's main physician, Dr. Richard Karp, acknowledged the error in an Aug. 4 letter to the Department of Veterans Affairs clinic where Malone was treated. Malone, who is gay and has lost

friends to AIDS, said he is relieved but angry at his doctor. "He told me, 'We made a very big mistake. We did not do our

obg mistake. We did not do our job," he said. "I said, 'You mean to tell me that all you have to say is you are sorry? Sorry that I lived for all this time believing I was going to die?"

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of an time believing I was going to die?' "

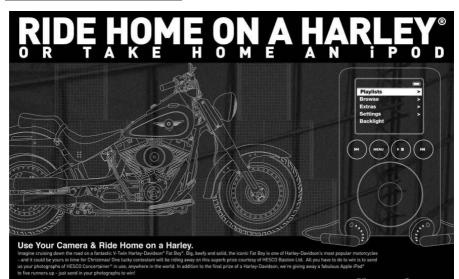
The Oakland Department of Veterans Affairs is investigating.

The error may have occurred

because Malone arrived at the clinic in 1996 with lab results from a testing firm showing he had HIV, said Karen Pridmore, spokeswoman for the VA's Northern California Health Care System.

The clinic performed its own HIV test on Malone to confirm the first set of results and it came back negative, but that information was never shared with the patient, Pridmore said.

The mistake was uncovered by the VA's computer system, which tracks HIV patients and conducts a periodic review of cases.



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STARS STRIPES LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AAFES cool to 'Fahrenheit'

AAFES management has shown its true colors. The article "AAFES not after 'Fahr-enheit 9/11' " (Aug. 17) is in stark contradiction to Army and Air Force Exchange Service's previous statement that it would actively pursue having the documentary shown. The reasons given by Judd Anstey. spokesman for AAFES, will probably earn him a spot on President Bush's spin-meis ter team

AAFES was told "on or about" July 21 that 200 to 300 prints would be available to it on Aug. 16. The film distributor said it did everything it was supposed to do on July 22, but AAFES was not responsive.

Anstey said that AAFES has already booked what would be shown in its the-aters up to Sept. 3. He stated this only gives AAFES a 35-day window before the DVD release date. It is further stated in the article that AAFES has run films with a shorter window, but won't run the No. 1 documentary for "profit" reasons. Why? Is this the real reason?

The movie's DVD release date is Oct. 5. Allowing four to six weeks for the DVD to reach AAFES outlets, where's the problem on attendance and scheduling? Then again, the consumer would spend between \$4 and \$5 to see the movie, whereas AAFES will get between \$19.95 and \$29.95 for the DVD - if it is made available. How many DVDs of "Fahrenheit 9/11" have been ordered? Not many is my guess

Also, this precludes military members and associates from seeing the documentary before the elections. Why? I submit that AAFES is using its monopolistic powers to influence what the American forces and their associates are provided. I challenge AAFES to provide a suitable number and wide distribution of the "Fahrenheit 9/11" DVD

I have 25 years active service (enlisted and commissioned), 15 years civil service and six years in retired status. During this time I have relied on and trusted AAFES: now is the time for AAFES to solidify this trust.

Kindsbach, Germany

Everyone can improve

In response to the letter "Take responsibility, NCOs" (Aug. 19): I totally agreed with the first sergeant until the very last sentence in which he said not to forget re-servists and National Guard troops, to police them up, too.

Every day I see the same corrections that need to be made on all troops, same as with Air Force, Navy and Marines. I corrected an active-duty soldier who at night, by himself, had no flashlight, no reflective vest, no socks, no weapon and, worst of all. his shorts on backward! Why is it that the Reserve and National Guard have to take this hit from the active duty?

We all know that the job can't be done without one another and we all would greatly benefit by working together rather than against one another. I constantly see where they can improve on their jobs. Be-

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cause they do it every day they feel as though they are experts. However, those of us in the same job — nervous that we might fail and look like idiots — strive to make sure we don't, and usually come out looking great. Right now there is a documentary on the National Guard troops being made by the Discovery Channel showing how well we are doing

There are many things that the active-duty personnel can learn from us. and there is a lot that we can learn from them. I only hope that we as noncommissioned officers (and adults) can choose to point out the perfections (instead of the imperfections) and improve together.

Soldiers, don't forget that the war is outside the wire, not inside it. Only together will these jobs and missions become more efficient; divided, we could lose someone as a result of someone's bickering and selfish plot to make himself look better only because of an active-duty status. Phillip Clinton Grauel

Hot Springs, Ark.

Wilbert C. Hicks Jr. Listening to our allies

For decades, the United States was very proud that it was America that helped to establish democracy and freedom in Europe after World War II. European countries such as Germany, France and Spain became democracies, and we are very glad and thankful for what America has done for us - no mistake about that.

But, do we have to go to war with Iraq, only because America wanted us to? When we say "no" to the Iraq war, then our views and opinions also should be respected and accepted — or are European allies only "good allies" when we agree with everything the U.S. government wants us to do and follow it? Is that the concept of democracy and the concept of a free coun-

In the past months, Germany and France have been extensively criticized and bashed for their "no" on the war. This is our choice and our view. I think that we have a right to say "no" to the Iraq war. The war also was unpopular in countries whose governments supported U.S.-led invasion of Iraq — even 80-90 percent of the Italian, British and Spanish peonle were against the war. How can a nation start or participate in a war, when the population is not supporting it?

Europe is sick of wars after centuries of wars and millions of casualties that result ed from these senseless wars. It's very, very easy to support a war when it is hap-pening more than 6,000 miles from your home. And people over here in Europe are not convinced that the war was only because of Saddam Hussein or weapons of mass destruction. For a long time, the Unit-ed States supported the Saddam regime with money, weapons, etc. In December 1983, Donald Rumsfeld visited Saddam as an envoy for President Reagan and called him "a good friend of peace and a good friend of America." Now Saddam is the worst devil?

If America wants to be respected in Europe again, then it should learn that other views and opinions should be respected, even when you don't agree with them. Many Americans only talk bad about Ger-many, France, etc. — but these people never try to understand our views and opinions. We, in Europe, always have to un-derstand America, America, America. But who listens to and cares for our views and oninions? Torsten Behrens

Stade, Germany

Women have right to fight war

I am writing in reference to "Sending Women to War Wrong" (Aug. 15). While some of us were brought up with the responsibility to protect women, where do we get off? Who are we to say that a woman cannot or should not be able to do what any man can do. All of these women voluntarily came into the military. For someone to say that these women didn't know that there was a possibility that we could go to war is just not plausible. The fact is we are all soldiers, fighting

for the freedom of our country. Taking away a woman's right to fight for her country is doing just that, taking away her rights. While I feel for the writer's loss, and am truly sorry for all the soldiers who have ever died in combat, their loss was not without reward. They died defending a country that they loved and believed in, regardless of race, sex and religion.

We all fight for our country and to come home to that country safe and unharmed. However it is also understood that you may have to pay the ultimate sacrifice to protect your loved ones. That is a price some of us are willing to pay, women included.

To suggest a woman should not be allowed in combat is moving us back in time instead of forward toward equal rights. When did a woman's life become worth more than a man's? While loss of life for anyone, man or woman, is not easy to accept, it's the cost of war.

Women die in the streets of the United

States daily, perhaps we should lock them in their houses where they will be safe.

Sgt. Adam Benda Baghdad

By GARRY TRUDEAU

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OPINION

Cast away Swift Boat Veterans for Truth

BY LARRY DALE KEELING Lexington (Kv.) Herald-Leader

served with John Kerry Well, sorta I never rode on a Swift

hoat with him. Heck. I never heard of a Swift hoat before this presidential campaign. I wasn't in Vietnam with him

The closest I got to "in country" was an air base on Taiwan, where my unit provided logistical support for a facility that repaired fighter planes, some of which had flown the friendly skies of 'Nam.

We didn't wear the same uniform. Kerry was Navy; I was Air Force

But I served with Kerry. We were both in the military for a six-month period between July 1969, when I went on active duty, and January 1970, when he was discharged from active duty.

A lot of guys my age - give or take a few years - can say truthfully, accurately, but oh-so-misleadingly, "I served with John Kerry," thereby gilding their subsequent statements with a patina of undeserved credibility.

My claim to having served with Kerry is misleading in the extreme

Similar claims by Swift Boat Veterans for Truth are misleading in less extreme, but misleading still.

None of them served on Kerry's boat, although their ads suggest

that they did. In varying degrees, these guys served with him in a broader sense, some in other Swift hoats some up the chain of command

They tell one version of Kerry's Vietnam service. The guys who were actually in Kerry's boat tell a completely different version

Who are we to believe? Well. now that we know Swift Boat Veterans for Truth is largely funded by a rich Texan who, along with his wife, gave \$3 million to Texas Renublicans during the 2002 elections, that seems an easy call to

Making it easier still is the fact that these veterans are getting caught in the tangled web of their own deceit

Larry Thurlow, another Swift boat commander, has claimed Kerry didn't deserve his Bronze Star and third Purple Heart because he wasn't under enemy fire when he pulled an Army lieutenant out of the river and into his boat, But The Washington Post recently reported that Thurlow won his own Bronze Star for courage under fire in the same incident.

Oops! "I know John Kerry is lying about his first Purple Heart because I treated him for that injury." Louis Letson claims in the attack ad.

But FactCheck.org, a nonpartisan nonprofit that "truth squads" political claims and ads across the spectrum, says medical records do not list Letson as the person who treated Kerry's injury

Oons! Then there is George Elliott, the retired Navy captain who recommended Kerry for a Silver Star. Elliott recently told The Boston Globe that he made "a terrible mistake" by suggesting in a recent affidavit that Kerry hadn't told him the truth about the incident that led to Kerry killing an enemy

soldier and earning a Silver Star. "I'm the one in trouble here. ... I knew it (the affidavit) was wrong," Elliott is quoted as saying. Then, a few days later he recanted his recant, signing a second affidavit

that once again supported the ad. Oops! While all these "Oopses" show clearly whose honesty and truthfulness really is in question (and it's not Kerry's), they do not speak to another central premise the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth's attack ads: that Kerry betrayed veterans of Vietnam and his nation by becoming a vocal opponent of the war after leaving the Navv

As I made clear earlier. I am not a Vietnam veteran. I am a veteran of the Vietnam era. Kerry did not betray me. And I think that some of the Vietnam veterans I've known, while I was in the service and afterward, would say that he did not betray them, either.

When I made my commitment to the Air Force as a 20-year-old



college student in 1967. I support ed the war in Vietnam. When I went on active duty in 1969. I supported the war

By the time I left the Air Force a few years later, I no longer support-ed the war. I supported the troops who were fighting it, as Kerry did, and I support them as veterans today, as Kerry does.

But the events that occurred during my years of service and the knowledge I gained from those events led me to believe that the war itself was wrong — a belief I

I also believe I have that in common with many veterans of that era who came to question, if not the reason for the war, at least its

Kerry was one of those, one who showed his courage in battle and came home to demonstrate another kind of courage — the courage to stand up and tell his country it was following the wrong course.

Call him liberal. Call him a flip-flopper. Call him unfit to be president. But don't call him a traitor. What he did was the act of a true patriot.

Thanks to Allies in 1944, we'll always have Paris

By Rachel Spreiregen

t was 60 years ago this month, in Paris. I had been waiting a long time for this moment, when I would finally see the enemy in defeat.

Allow me now on this anniversary to be one voice for those who brought us our liberation that day

I was a 17-year-old Jewish girl who had been hiding under an assumed name with forged identity papers in the Pigalle district of Paris. I'd been waiting since 1940, when France fell, since 1941, when the Germans came for my father, since 1943, when my 13-year-old sister and I — sole survivors of our family - had to abandon our home and go into hiding. I was marking time, focused on one great expectation: deliverance.

Hope was kept alive with "Les Français Parlent aux Français," the voice of De Gaulle's Free France broadcast from London. In the spring of 1944, the cryptic radio messages to resistance groups proliferated, unintelligible to us but obviously instructions to various networks operating in France, indicating increased activity and raising expectations. Something was in the

There were skeptics, in Paris and elsewhere. For me, and others like me, skepticism was impossible. We were caught in a deadly race between those who would find us out and send us to the death camps and those who carried with them our hopes for life — the Allied soldiers.

Then, early one morning, the wait was over. Hurried footsteps on the stairs, and the refuge came running down the narrow corridor, pounding at every door, announcing breathlessly, "Ils ont debarque'! Ils ont de-barque'!" — "They have landed! They have landed!"

The news struck like a thunderbolt. And yet all the joy welling up within us had to be contained. The Kommandantur (headquarters of the German military command of occunied France) seemed to think we were being good: The midnight curfew was extended to 1 a.m. for this one day.

In mid-August, as Allied troops neared the city of Paris rose. It was in a state of siege. The German garrison had been clearing out for days, leaving behind a beleaguered high command that no longer was in command. But no one knew when the end would come - or when we would be safe Then one night church bells were set ringing, not in alarm but in triumph, the opening salvo of the liberation. A small detachment of Gen. Philippe Leclerc's Free French troops had entered Paris and was encamped at the Hotel de Ville, home of the municipal authorities, only a stone's throw from Notre

Paris was liberated the next day. I walked down deserted streets to the Place de l'Onera, eager to see what was happening, and by chance was near the Kommandantur when a contingent of Free French troops arrived. There was a brief firefight, and then it happened: the surrender of the German command. Parisians began emerging from buildings. The crowd was still sparse but we formed a chain, linked hands and spontaneously burst into "La Marseillaise," while German officers hatless hands in the air marched down Avenue de l'Opera.

The nightmare was over.

I was awed at the magnitude of the event I was witnessing. The German war machine was not invincible after all, and for me, it was the men of D-Day who had driven the noint home. It was to them that I owed my freedom and my life.

Fifty years later at Omaha Reach on the

bluff overlooking the stretch of sand where the GIs had come ashore, I remembered D-Day. At the breathtaking military cemetery of Colleville-sur-Mer, where so many are interred, I had come to honor the men who a half-century earlier, on that day and at that very spot, had brought liberation to my country and to me. Few are left of these nce-ordinary/extraordinary young men. They are dying every day, but for me they belong among the immortals. They came in peril of their lives and saved Europe.

Sixty years ago they marched down the Champs Elysees in an awesome parade of citizen-soldiers, shoulder to shoulder, filling the broad expanse of the avenue. The passing years have only intensified the emotion I as a young girl that August, and the gratitude to those who saved our future.

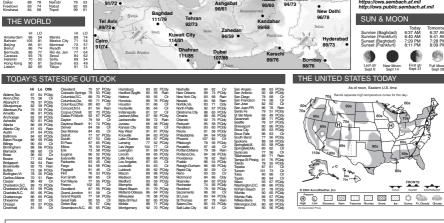
Rachel Spreiregen, who lives in a suburb of Chicago, is writing a memoir on her years in France before and during the German occupation. This column first appeared in The Washington Post.



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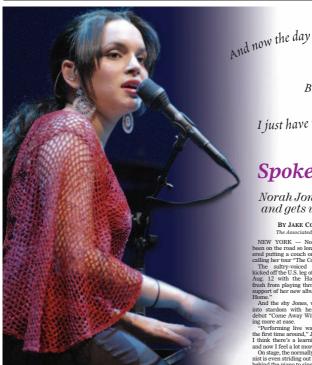




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FACES 'N' PLACES



Songwriter and singer Norah Jones performs at the Old Opera in Frankfurt, Germany, on April 30. Jones has become more comfortable with life on the road and with her musical career and believes she has grown as an artist. Her latest album, "Feels Like Home," has more of a country sound than her debut, "Come Away With Me," and it energizes crowds at concerts. "Feels Like Home" sold more than 1 million copies in its first week of release.

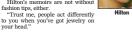
Hilton puts her life in writing

Paris Hilton is trying on a new outfit: a hard cover. The model-reality TV star has written a 198-page mem-oir, "Confessions of an Heiress: A Tongue-in-Chic Peek Behind the Pose

Though the missing Chihuahua saga was too recent to make the book, Hilton writes about her youth as an heiress in a "really close" family. Excerpts of the book (to hit shelves Sept. 7) are in the Aug. 27 edition of People magazine. Her "Confessions" reveal a girl not

as confident as the runway model frequently seen in the tabloids. Hilton's memoirs are not without

fashion tips, either.



Winfrey: One murder trial is enough

Oprah Winfrey said she would not want to serve as a juror in a murder trial again, but she enjoyed getting to know her fellow jurors - and invited them to her show to talk about the ex-

Winfrey was one of 12 jurors who convicted a Chicago man of murder Aug. 18. The billionaire's presence drew massive amounts of media attention to what normally would have been a low-profile case

Winfrey briefly discussed the experience with other jurors who sat in the audience of her show before she interviewed actors Gwyneth Paltrow and Jude Law

Winfrey invited the jurors to stay after the show for a lunch prepared by her personal chef.

Cornwell funds police scholarships

Author Patricia Cornwell announced she is giving \$20,000 more to fund scholarships for law enforcement officials attending the University of Tennessee's National Forensics Academy

Cornwell's 1994 book "The Body Farm" is based on the school's experimental station that studies bodies in varyThe hour hand has spun

Before the night is done

I just have to hear

Those sweet words

Spoken like a melody

Norah Jones gets a little bit country and gets used to being a performer

By JAKE COVIE The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Norah Jones has been on the road so long, she's consid ered putting a couch on the stage and calling her tour "The Couch Tour."

The sultry-voiced Texan singer kicked off the U.S. leg of her world tour Aug. 12 with the Handsome Band, fresh from playing through Europe in support of her new album, "Feels Like

And the shy Jones, who was thrust into stardom with her runaway hit debut "Come Away With Me," is feeling more at ease.

"Performing live wasn't that great the first time around," Jones said, "But I think there's a learning curve to it, and now I feel a lot more comfortable." On stage, the normally stationary pianist is even striding out from her nerch

behind the piano to sing. "I used to think I looked like a marioette when I stand up," said Jones.

"But now I'm standing up more and wearing skirts more.

When asked what led to this new nerforming ease, Jones concedes that much of it comes from simply getting accustomed to the bright lights of a sta-

ing stages of decay.

dium tour. But her newfound comfort on the stage is also due to remembering that she's in control.

Jones, 25, says that while there are things that she has to do as such a popular performer, she finds the key is to "try to make it fun for myself." And she's doing just that.

In concert, Jones is featuring songs from her new album, which have a more country sound and lend more energy to her shows. Jones and her band also have been playing covers of The Band and Tom Waits.

Her new album, "Feels Like Home," sold more than 1 million copies in its first week of release in February. Jones' first CD, "Come Away With Me," has sold 8 million-plus copies and garnered her eight Grammys last year, including album of the year. Her tour is scheduled to run through Nov. 14.

Jones, the daughter of New York concert producer Sue Jones and Indian musician Ravi Shankar, started singing publicly in the Dallas area at age 16. She studied jazz piano for two years at the University of North Texas in Den-

She established the scholarship fund in 2002 and made the announcement at the academy's alumni retraining seminar in Knoxville, UT officials said.

The scholarship helps police departments with limited budgets send officers to attend the academy's 10-week training program for crime scene investigators

Simmons considers 'Queer Eye' makeover

How would the guys from "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" make over the black and white makeup of Kiss?

We may get to find out. Gene Simmons, the tongue-wagging bassist of Kiss, is considering an appearance on the Bravo reality show. On his Web site, Simmons says that producers for the show have

asked him join the Fab Five for an epi-"They called me and asked me if I would do it. I'm a fan of the show. We

may shoot on the 28th of September," Simmons says.



"Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" is in its second season. Stories and photos from wire services

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Body found on roof

NY NEW YORK — A body was found by construction workers on the roof of a church on Manhattan's Upper West Side.

The victim was believed to be a 30-year-old man who was reported missing. The cause of death was unknown, but investigators suspect foul play, police said.

The workers

found the body in a rooftop construction shed at St. Paul & St. Andrew Methodist Church on West 86th Street, police said.

Man robs bank to buy car

SOUTH OGDEN — Za chary Hayden liked the car; he only needed to stop at the bank to get some money.

The problem is, police said, he didn't have an account there.
Authorities said Hayden, 31, of
Warsaw, Ind., robbed the Wells
Fargo Bank after test driving a Ford Escort from the Good-One Auto Sales and then used the car

for his getaway.

More than six hours after the robbery, Nevada Highway Patrol nulled the car over near Elv. Nev. about 200 miles southwest of South Ogden. It still had the white, price numbers — \$1,895 — on the win-dow and dealer license plates.

Like any good salesman, Trent Goodwin tried to put a positive

spin on the situation. "Our deals are so good, bank robbers shop here," he said

Banana Split day

PA PITTSBURGH — University of Pittsburgh alumni have won the Nobel Prize, played in the National Football League and unlocked the secrets of DNA

The university celebrated a less prestigious but equally sweet accomplishment by one of its own -

the banana split.
Pitt declared "Banana Split Day" and celebrated the dessert's 100th birthday by serving about 4,000 ice cream cones to students, family members and others returning to campus for the new school

Ice cream aficionados believe David E. Strickler, a 1906 graduate of Pitt's School of Pharmacy, created the first banana split in 1904 when he was an apprentice at Tas-sell Pharmacy in Latrobe, Pa.

Herpes lawsuit

VA VIRGINIA BEACH — A lawsuit that accuses a Virginia Beach man of intentionally passing herpes to his lover may have implications for state law or fornication between unmarried aduilte

Attorneys for a woman identified only as Jane Doe filed suit this month in Circuit Court, claiming that a Virginia Beach man gave the woman genital herpes after the two began having sexual relations in Anril

In court papers, the man's attorney claims the woman broke a state law that forbids sexual intercourse outside marriage, and there fore she cannot claim injury.

Matthew W. Smith, the woman's attorney, said the Virginia Supreme Court has ruled it is illegal to recover damages from an injury that occurs while breaking a law But he thinks that ruling will not stand up today.

antibiotics. "The

individual got aggressive with the seal. He was trying to get to shore and he tried to push the seal away." said Brad Ryon, a marine biologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. I talked to him afterward and he was more embarrassed than anything.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Boy fatally shoots father

TX HOUSTON — A 10-yearold boy fatally shot his father after the man came to pick him and his brother up for a weekend visit, authorities said.

Rick James Lohstroh, 41, was shot several times as he sat in the front seat of his sport utility vehicle, said Sgt. B.E. Williams of the Harris County Sheriff's Depart-ment. The boy was sitting in the back seat.

After firing shots through the back seat, the boy got out of the vehicle and continued to fire at it, Williams said. Lohstroh, a doctor at the University of Texas Medical Branch, died on the way to a hospi-

Preliminary reports indicate that the boy did not want to visit his father. Lohstroh and the boy mother shared custody of the chil-

dren. The gun belonged to the boy's mother, Williams said.

Seal bites tourist

HI POIPU — An endangered Hawaiian monk seal bit a tourist at Kauai's Poipu Beach after the man shoved the seal out

of the way, officials said. The 64-year-old man was not seriously injured in the confrontation in waters fronting the Sheraton Kauai Hotel.

He received a tetanus shot and

Letting go

Dr. Bridget Dunnigan, of the Woods Hole Science Aquarium, releases a Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle at Dowses Beach, in Osterville, Mass. Four of the endangered turtles were released into the ocean after six months of rehability tion at aquariums in Massachu-

Teen defends shirt

ATLANTA The GA town of Hempstead, N.Y., has a message for Gwinnett County administrators: Before you target a student wearing a Hempstead shirt, look at a map.

Terrell Jones, a student in Gwinnett County's Grayson High School, was weeded out of a classroom by a school administrator be cause he wore a shirt that read: "Hempstead, NY 516," a reference to the Long Island town and its tele

phone area code.

According to Jones' family,
which moved from Hempstead to the Atlanta suburb, the school thought the shirt referred to mariinana

Jones wasn't allowed to return to class until he persuaded school offi-cials to search the Internet for the town name.

The student's father, James Jones, said he wants an apology for

the incident. Terrell Jones says he will keep wearing the shirt to school.

Woman delivers at home

MA BOSTON — An internal investigation is under way at Brigham and Women's Hospital after a pregnant woman, twice was sent home by the medical staff, gave birth to a son on the bathroom floor of her apartment.

Denia Baez, 30, nine months pregnant with her fourth child. went to Brigham and Women's saving she felt ill and was bleeding slightly. However, hospital staff de termined that she didn't have the strong, regular contractions that indicate the final phases of labor, and sent her home, she told the Boston Herald from her hospital

Baez stepped out of the bathtub at home, felt labor pains and told her husband, Cesarin Arias, 29, that the baby was coming. Shortly, Jeremy Arias was born on the bathroom floor.

Baez and her 9-pound, 2-ounce baby were healthy and resting at Brigham and Women's, but the hospital's obstetrics chief said he would review her records and talk to Baez

Flood waters hit hard

OH LISBON — Flood waters rushed through rural northeast Ohio over the weekend, ripping houses from their foundations and tearing a 65-foot deep crater into a road, authorities said.

A couple was killed in a crash on a rain-drenched highway, while a man whose home was carried off was found unharmed in a tree, authorities said

Six inches of rain fell in just six hours from Friday night until Saturday morning, according to the National Weather Service

About 4,000 people in the area do not have electricity, and the town of Lisbon does not have water because several major water lines broke in the storm.



Big breakfast meal Fairgoers view a giant bagel that w created by Bruegger's Bagels at the annual New York State Fair in Geddes, N.Y. The bagel weighed 868 pounds, measured six feet in diameter and required a small crane to hoist it out of its custom-built oven.



Street performer Chet Mitchell, of Para-Sunset juggler dise, Mich., juggles as the sun sets on vacationers and local residents at the celebration of the sunset during the Petoskey Festival on the Bay in Michigan.

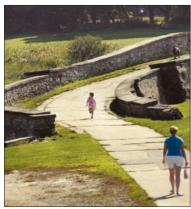


Discount shopper Sara Bertrand, 8, left, bounces an exercise ball as she waits in line to pay for it with her mother, Linda Farish, right, at the state Department of General Services sale in Sacramento, Calif. The DGS is selling off surplus office equipment and computers, along with cars, espresso machines and baseball cards the state has accumulated over the years.



Beautiful view

A rainbow arches across the Columbia River Gorge to Oregon near Cape



A walk in the sun at some bridge at Colt State Park on Monday in Bristol, R.I. Visitors enjoyed the sun and cool bay breezes at the park.



One potato, two potato Manuel Ramirez removes debris from the potato conveyor belt during the first day of harvest at the Martin Farms in Fort Hall, Idaho. The Granger-russet potatoes are destined to be made into french fries.



Randy Fish, left, Gary Talbot, top right, and Al Fauteux paint the steeple of United Church of Christ in Keene, N.H. The crew works for Al Fauteux Roofing and Steepleiack of Keene.

Landlord charged

ITHACA — A college student called police after discovering a pinhole camera in the bathroom of the apartment she shared with three women, and now her landlord is charged with unlawful surveillance.

David A. Church, 44, of Ithaca, faces four counts of unlawful video surveillance, a felony that can draw up to four years in prison.

Church owns several rental prop-

erties near Cornell University.

Police said they searched two other apartments and found two pinhole cameras and several video recordings of at least four students.

Biplane crash kills 1

PORT EDWARDS — A biplane giving rides for a fund-raiser in central Wisconsin crashed upside down in a river Saturday morning, killing a Michigan woman, authorities said.

The 1941 Steerman biplane's landing gear struck power lines before it crashed into about 3 feet of water in the Wisconsin River, said Wood County Sheriff's Sgt. Tim Ward.

A 39-year-old passenger visiting the Wisconsin Rapids area with her husband, children and mother was killed.

Pilot Mark Strub, 42, was unable to free the woman and ran a half-mile to a local paper mill to call for help, Sheriff Kurt Heuer said.

Strub was taken to an area hospital, but did not appear to be injured or under the influence, Ward said.

The Federal Aviation Administration

The Federal Aviation Administration was investigating the acci-

Inmate escapes DANVILLE — A Danville

prisoner dumped his immate clothes in a garbage bin and walked off a work crew wearing only a T-shirt, boxer shorts and work boots, authorities said. Danville Sheriff's Mai, Ronnie

Ball said Michael Dean Turner, 25, was last seen getting into a two-door, gray-green Toyota Corol-

Turner was awaiting transfer to the Department of Corrections after his July conviction for attempting to sell cocaine. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison, with five years suspended on the condition that he spend one year on probation. He could be charged with felony

escape, punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$2,500 fine.

Search warrant voided

AK ANCHORAGE — Police cannot execute a search warrant in a person's home for possession of less than 4 ounces of marijuana, the Alaska Court of Appeals ruled.

The court ruled in the case of Leo Richardson Crocker Jr., who was charged with controlled substance misconduct after police, acting on a tip, searched his home and found marijuana and growing equipment.

A lower court ruled the search warrant that led to the arrest should have never been issued and suppressed the evidence against

Crocker. The appeals court agreed.
To execute a search warrant, po-

To execute a search warrant, police must have reason to believe the amount of marijuana exceeds 4 ounces or is being used in connection with a crime, the appeals court said

Attorney General Gregg Renkes said the ruling could hamstring police efforts to stop marijuana growers. He planned to appeal to the state Supreme Court.

Bars can't bet on poker

HARTFORD — Bars better ting on poker tournames to bring in some extra cash will have to stop. The state Division of Special Revenue has issued a statement saying the tournaments violate state laws. Under state regulators, gambling is classified as a criminal misdemeanor unless all the players can prove they are friends or co-workers who see each other away from poker tables.

Bank lawsuit settled

SC SPARTANBURG — Bitabeh Davis, whose parents
were killed in a Greer bank robbery last year, settled her lawsuit
with Blue Ridge Savings Bank. Details of the settlement weren't released. Davis claimed the bank, loacted in a mobile home, failed to
meet security requirements and
blue Ridge employee Sylvia Holtzclaw also was killed in the robbery.
No one was charged in the deaths.

Guilty plea in murder

ND BISMARCK — A man who called police to confess to a 1990 killing has pleaded guilty to murder. Edward Reitan, 51, may face a 30-year sentence. Authorites say Reitan called the sheriff's office in May from a phone across the street to trum himself in for the 1990 killing of Driscoll farmer Robin Enockson.

Reitan was arrested after describing the crime in detail to investigators.

Free tuition for students

AZ TUCSON — The Arizona Board of Regents authorized the state's three public universities to award free tuition to high school students who score high on the state's graduation test. High school juniors must exceed expectations in math, reading and writing or exceed standards on two and meet standards on the third.

Students also would have to meet existing honors endorsement criteria.

Police chief sworn in

HI HONOLULU — Boisse Correa was sworn in as the new Honolulu police chief.

Correa, 58, is the ninth chief in

HPD history and replaces Lee Donohue, who retired July 1 after a 40-year career.

Correa has held the rank of assistant chief since 1998, overseeing patrol operations and the Traffic Division.

Correa, who's 6-foot-6 and 255 pounds, was signed by the NFL's Cleveland Browns in 1970 but changed his mind and decided to become a police officer.

Stories and photos from wire services.

Horoscope

Venus blows kisses to Saturn as it passes. Personal growth will be tested, especially in regard to the way we behave in our

way we behave in our closest relationships. There's a chance to check yourself — are you really over that thing you said you were over? A review of past lessons in love could reveal a pattern that is still being perpetuated.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 31). Even though you feel you know yourself well, you'll deepen your knowledge this year and enable yourself to make choices that lead to your immediate

satisfaction.
Your career takes off this fall, and finances improve, too. Your personal life gives you power in November.
Let go of ties that require too much effort. Love signs are Aries and

Taurus. ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You're ready to get current or even futuristic about the way you do business. Abandon antiquated ideas and outdated methods for the modern, streamlined and efficient. Aquarius and Gemini are your technological allies

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You'll not only know exactly how you feel; you'll also have the courage to act on a romantic impulse. Instead of trying to get all your needs met in one place, seek multiple sources of

friendship and encouragement. GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You're driven to attract new business — financial goals are looming, and you're eager to meet them! This is done most effectively through the principle of attraction. An environment that is functional and aesthetic wins clients

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

The stars give you a sense of accomplishment as an individual who is part of the whole today. Work with others to attain your goals. Much happens in a small group setting, and you naturally assume the leader ship role.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The secret to happiness is no secret at all. You'll feel happy and complete whenever you choose to feel that way. Relationships become more solid when you live by this principle. Tonight, you'll be in a precarious social situation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've known yourself all these

Joyce Jillson

own yourself all these years, but you still have much to learn about your own complex character. Financial speculations are right on the money — invest confidently. If you refuse to compromise,

you can get your way. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You attract fans! Family members

23-Oct. 23). You attract fans! Family members want to lend you more support but are waiting for your cue. You're so

well thought of now that you may be patted on the back for something you didn't do. You and a newcomer have chemistry.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're feeling sassy and have the attitude that you just don't care what people think. This allows you to ask for things you don't even want and certainly things that you do. Negotiate your way into prosperity and fun

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). Sometimes, the only mature way to handle serious matters is to laugh out loud. The stars support a big belly laugh this afternoon. When you see the humor in the situation, others will, too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Seeing the same people and scenery day in and day out will wear on you. Luckily, it's not difficult to add dimension to your life. If you're using your creativity, your achievements will be satisfying on many levels.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Whether it's joy or sadness, you'll feel it fully, deeply, madly. Be on the lookout for energy vampires, and

feel it fully, deeply, madly. Be on the lookout for energy vampires, and don't let them near. Emotions are too easily manipulated under these skies. It's also easy to help someone feel better.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may feel a bit restless, striving for progress in all things. Relax. Balance is the key to moving forward. By just being, you are enough

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Peanuts

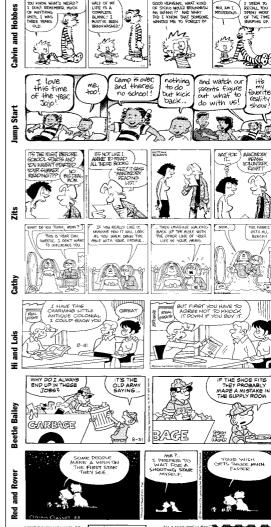




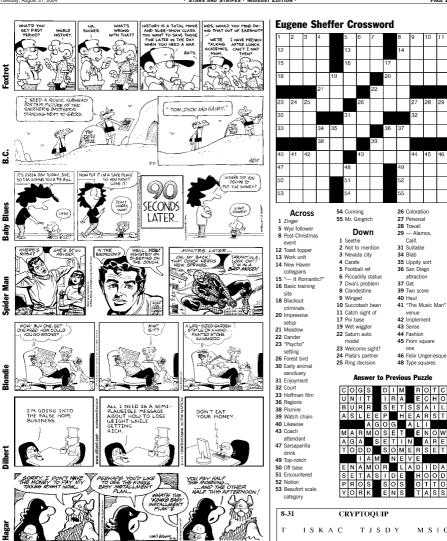




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OTICR "YLC VTVCW PLTAMC." Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I'M VERY GOOD AT GROWING WHEAT AND BARLEY, SO WOULD YOU SAY I HAVE A GRAIN THUMB? Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals P

Travel lifestyle not for everyone

Dear Abby: I usually think your advice is pretty good, but your answer to "Homebody in Norfolk, Va.," who didn't want to travel with her husband, was way off. If she doesn't like to travel she shouldn't be forced to just because that's what her husband wants. She has every right to live her life the way she wishes, and not

be coerced to do something she doesn't like just ecause she's married Travel is not pleasurable to everyone. Flying is a big pain in the butt and can even be harmful

to a person's health if he or she is susceptible to deep-vein thrombosis You should have recommended instead a session or two of counseling so both parties can get their feelings

out in the presence of a neutral party. Maybe then the husband will be more accepting of his wife's preferences.

M.M. in Kingston, N.Y. Dear M.M.: Although I didn't intend to be, you are not the only reader who felt my reaction to

"Homehody's" problem was harsh. Read on:

Dear Abby: You are usually sensitive to problems and con cerns, yet you assume that

"Homebody" simply refuses to go. I sometimes become panicked just going on errands, out of town, etc. To go to faraway lands promotes whol

new fears My advice would be for "Homebody" to explain to her husband why she doesn't want to go, and then reach a compromise. If he really wants to spend time with her, I'm sure

he won't care where they go. Perhaps they could find a destination that both of them would be happy with.

- Staying Put in Texas Dear Staying Put: Although I am all for compromise, I suspect compromise might be difficult for someone who hungers to visit the game parks in Africa, ride a gondola on the canals in Venice

Since your problem is fears and panic, please read the next letter carefully:

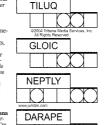
Dear Abby: I, too, was a homebody. Now I am divorced.

I went to very few restaurants, complained about traffic and crowds, attended no concerts or movies. After nine years of putting up with my phobia, my wife divorced me. I attempted to save our marriage by seeking help from my doctor. He prescribed medication that saved me from

becoming a hermit. Please urge "Homebody" to consult her doctor.

- Rob in Indiana Dear Bob: Thank you for shar ing your personal experience. I'm glad to know that you received effective help for your problem

and are doing better. Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate



one letter to each square.

to form four ordinary words.

It you had two cookies and I gave you two more, now many would you have? HOW THE CHILDREN LEARNED TO ADD BEFORE COM-

PUTERS.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. (Answers Inmorrow)

Jumbles: ENJOY AGENT BALLET What the teen said when his younger brother Answer: played his drums - "REAT IT

Grown sibling steals from parents

Dear Annie: I am one of five adult siblings. The four oldest of us are married, with families and good jobs The youngest sibling, "Lon," still lives at home with our elderly parents. We jokingly refer to his basement bedroom as his hidey-hole.

Lon has no job, no job prospects and no desire to get a job. We've had plenty of discussions in which I on has been strongly encouraged to get out of our parents' home, to no avail

It has recently come to my attention that Lon is using my parents' credit cards to make online purchases. He does this in the presence of my teenage children, who are then instructed not to tell Grandma. The packages come in the mail, and my brother sneaks them off to

I have two problems with this.

First, my brother is Annie's Mailbox blatantly stealing from

my parents. And second, my children are being asked to lie to me and to their grandma. I have approached Lon and told him that my children will no longer be allowed at their grandnarents' house

unless I am with them. I let him know it was his responsibility to explain this

to my parents He has vet to do so.

My children used to visit my parents daily, but not anymore Mom has started to question me about why her grandchildren aren't coming around.

To make matters worse, my father is literally on his deathhed

My mother is taking care of him during his final days with the assistance of hospice nurses. I don't want to dump this on

Any advice on how to handle this sensitive issue?

- Concerned in Washington

Dear Concerned: You are inadvertently punishing your parents by keeping the children away, and it will not stop Lon from stealing, nor will it force him to come clean.

Let the kids back in the house, and instruct them not to cover for their uncle. Then discuss the situation with your siblings so they will back you up.

Inform Lon the party's over, and when Mom is in a better position to cope, you will tell her exactly what's going on. Let's hope he takes this opportunity to clean up his act.

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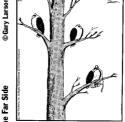
Family Circus



"I'll let you know when your hair needs combing, PJ.



THE SAME REACTION WITH A FISTFUL OF DANDELIONS... FROM OUR YARD."





SCOREBOARD

AFN schedule

(All times Central European, AFN-A: AFN-Atlantic: PAC: AFN-Pacific/Korea: SPT: AFN-Sports; did: delayed; cut: two-hour or 90-minute cut-down. Listings are latest avail-able from AFRTS and subject to change with-out notice.)

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Motor racing – NIRRA Midsouth Nationals, All James and James

Outdoors — Mark Sosin's Salt Water Jour-nal, 3:30 a.m. Thursday, SPI. Christopher 7:30 a.m. Per football — CPI. Crunch: 7:30 a.m. Wednesday Ling SPI. and Lingseason: Ten-wednesday Lingseason: Ten-thology of the Company of the Company of the All Company of the Company of the Company All Company of the Company of the Company of the Journal of the Company of the C

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Auto racing

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Golf

Ryder Cup rosters

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Pro basketball WNBA



Indiana at Washington Connecticut at Charlotte Phoenix at Detroit Minnesota at Houston Sacramento at Seattle San Antonio at Los Angeles

Tennis

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Monday At The USTA National Tennis Center Purse: \$17.75 million (Grand Slam) Surface: Hard-Outdoor Singles

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Youth baseball Little League World Series

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday, Aug. 29 Third Place Richmond, Texas 5, Nuevo Leon, Mexico 0
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Little League champions

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Atlantic League
BRIDGEPORT BLUEFISH—Signed RHP Jereny Wedel.

NEWARK BEARS—Signed RHP Mike Smith.

American Basketball Association

KENTUCKY COLONELS—Signed G Antwain
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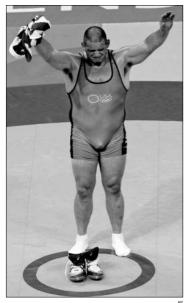
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ball coach.

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Nick Farnest from team manager to assistant basketball coach and T.J. Brown from voluntary assistant manager to team



Golden moments



Rulon Gardner waves after taking off his shoes to symbolize his retirement after defeating Sajad Barzi, of Iran, during the Greco-Roman 120kg wrestling bronze medab bout. The American heavyweight ended a career that included a victory over the invincible Russian Alexander Karelin in the gold medal match at the 2000 Sydney Games.



The USA's Kerri Walsh teamed with Misty May to roll through the women's beach volleyball competition. They didn't lose a set en route to winning the gold medal at on of Athen's wildest venues.



Gold-medalist Carly Patterson watches the American flag rise during the medal ceremony for the individual all-around final. She is the first American to win the event since Mary Lou Retton in 1984.



Jason Gatlin reacts after winning the gold medal in the 100-meters. He was a triple medalist and helped the U.S. rule the track.



Crystl Bustos celebrates as she rounds the bases after hitting the first of her two homers in the gold medal game.



Michael Phelps displays one of the six gold medals he won. Phelps didn't top the seven won by Mark Spitz, but the swimming phenom still was the talk of the Games during the first week.



Members of the American men's eight boat, with coxswain Pete Cipollone at right, celebrate after they won the gold medal, the first in 40 years.

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2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS



Deena Kastor of the United States celebrates her bronze medal in the marchon, the last lap of which was run around the Panatheniac Stadium, the marble stadium that hosted the first Olympic Games in 1896. "It's incredible," Kastor said. "I was in tears the whole last lap."



Mariel Zagunis jubilates after she took the gold medal in the women's individual sabre competition — the first for the U.S. fencing team since 1904 and first medal ever for the women.





Mia Hamm, left, and Brazil's Tania fight for a header during the gold medal soccer game. Hamm and the other five stalwarts on the American team said goodbye to their sport with gold medals.



Amanda Beard, of the United States, reacts after swimming to a gold medal in the 200-meter breaststroke. Beard also won two silver medals.

Andre Dirrell, right, from Flint,
Mich., bows after defeating
Cuba's Yordani Despaigne
Herrera during the middleweight
boxing quarterfinals. Dirrell won
the bronze medal. Light
heavyweight Andre Ward was the
only American boxer to win gold.



Gymnast Paul Hamm colebrates with trainer Don Rackey, right, after wining the gold medal in the men's all-around. The rest of the Olympics didn't go as well for Hamm, who sat giunnly after his routine on the ponmel horse during the men's gymnastics individual apparatus finals. Hamm placed sixth in the competition, and had to answer questions about the all-around judging.





AP phot

Greeks lower curtain on successful Games

BY EDDIE PELLS The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — If anyone deserved a party, it was the people of Athens.

The flame went out on the Olympics during a closing ceremony Sunday night that honored the birthplace of the Games with an ebullient display of Greek pride and symbolism, a relief-filled celebration of the ancient and the new.

Famed Greek singer George Dalaras serenaded the crowd. Dancers danced, arms folded, legs kicking high, during an enactment of a traditional Greek wedding. Fireworks exploded over the stadium packed full with 70,000 fans who waved twinkling strobes they were given to light up the show.

Hundreds of athletes from many of the 202 countries that participated mingled in the center of the stadium and paraded their flags — Canadian and Swiss, American and Brazilian—around the floor. They were ringed by a cader of security guards, and a white security blimp hovered overhead, just two of the strong reminders of how much the world has changed since the Sydney Games four years age.

Later, the huge white torch that burned brightly over the stadium for 17 days was lowered and symbolic remnants of the flame were passed to the people of Beijing, where the Games will be held in 2008.

China's capital city put on a short ceremony filled with a preview of what's to come. Chinese string instruments played and red-clad martial arts performers romped around the stage.

Elaborately clad women wearing headdresses walked out on stilts. A giant, red lantern popped up and, while a young Chinese girl sang, a banner was unfurled that said "Welcome to Beijing."

China will have to put on quite a show to match Greece, a poor country that spent \$8.5 billion to bring the Games back to their home, and often wondered if the effort was worth it.

"The world discovered a new Greece," said Athens 2004 President Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki, who made it all happen with her fierce determination to overcome construction delays and avoid international bumiliation.



LLAS MORNING NEW

Flagbearers from the Olympic nations enter the stadium during the closing ceremony on Sunday. Over 300 gold medals were awarded during the 19 days of the Olympics.

The three-week festival of sports was tumultuous, as expected, but not for the reasons most people anticipated.

Athens put the finishing touches on its Games with only days remaining — paint really was still drying in some places when the torch was lit. But the city put on a fantastic — and safe — show, much to the surprise of skeptics who fretted over the country's readiness and security issues almost from the day it was awarded the Games.

While Greece shone, the athletes, delegations and even the fans were not as well-behaved.

These Games were marred by doping scandals, booing in the stands and protests by the teams. The misbehavior extended right to the very end, when a man jumped out of the crowd and tackled Brazilian marathoner Vanderlei de Lima. He recovered, and finished third

"I think the Olympic spirit prevailed, and I prevailed," de Lima said during a news conference, held in the bowels of the stadium while the ceremony rocked on

The complaints came in no fewer than six sports, most notably in gymnastics, where South Korea's protest of American



U.S. rower Kent Smack carries flags from various nations during Sunday's ceremony.

Paul Hamm's all-around gold medal became one of a handful of unsavory stories that dominated the Games. Disgraced Greek sprint stars Kostas Kenteris and Katerina Thanou also played a role, and a record two dozen athletes were caught on doping cases. On Sunday, though, it was time to cele-

brate the Olympic spirit and the Olympic



PHILADELPHIA IN

The Olympic Flame is passed to a child carrying a lantern during the closing ceremonies of the Athens Games on Sunday.

hosts that held the first Games in 776 B.C. and resurrected the modern-day version in

Athens was only one of the sites. The Games also made a cameo appearances in Olympia to watch the shot put, and to Marathon to stand on the spot where the race got its name.

Mia Hamm was the U.S. flagbearer during this, the last of three medal-winning appearances for her at the Olympics.

In his closing remarks, International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge lauded Athens, a city that came close to having the Games taken away because of massive construction delays.

"You have won," Rogge said. "You have won by brilliantly meeting the tough challenge of holding the Games. These were unforgettable, dream Games."

Drama: Athens was perfect Olympic theater

DRAMA, FROM BACK PAGE

The electricity meant victories. The Americans dominated at the track, collecting an Athens-best 24 medals. Even better, none were caught using banned substances in the year of the burgeoning BALCO scandal.

The drug-free Americans weren't ugly, either. The U.S. athletes, after getting pre-Olympic instructions on proper decorum, behaved perfectly—as did their hosts. The Athens Games were a success by acclamation, as pretty as the blue skies above the Acropolis each sumy morning.

"It was incredible to come in here, to be so safe, to feel confident and relaxed," said Phelps, who stayed around an extra week for the closing ceremony. "I can't say how great the city of Athens has been."

Great? Yes. Perfect? That de-

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scribed the American softball

The softballers, winning a gold for their recently widowed coach, did everything right in Athens, taking nine straight games while outscoring their opponents 51-1. It was their third consecutive Olympic title.

The ancient city did suffer some modern Olympic woes — doping problems (a record high of 23 cases, with six medals stripped), a gymnastics scoring mistake that left gold medalist Paul Hamm twisting in the wind, and angry protests over the later-canceled visit of U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Few, however, could dispute International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge's contention that the Games were "splendid" and the security just "flawless."

That was vital in the first Sum-

mer Games since Sept. 11, 2001, with athletes competing under 202 flags. The sight of a blimp wafting across the sky once signaled a sponsor's advertisement; now, it was part of a \$1.5 billion semice also as the state of the s

curity plan.

But the attention turned quickly to the athletes after the opening ceremony.

There were disappointments: The men's basketball team, undefeated since NBA players joined the mix in 1992, went home with a bronze after losing three games in Athens with its youngest roster

And track star Jones, the winner of five medals in Sydney, wo
nothing in Athens — losses that
only intensified the speculation fueled by allegations she used steroids in Australia. A botched
handoff in the 400-meter relay
led to a disqualification for the
American team, shortly after she
failed to medal in the long jump.

But the downers were over-

shadowed by the only-in-Athens moments, where the athletes of the 21st century enjoyed a bit of time travel.

In Ancient Olympia, where the games were born 28 centuries ago, American Adam Nelson won a silver in the shot put. Following the route first run by Pheidippides in 490 B.C., U.S. marathon runner Deena Kastor captured the bronze, running her last lap around the marble Panathinaiko Stadium that hosted the 1896

The Games ended in the new Olympic Stadium, the 72,000-sanish architect Santiago Calatrava, with a closing ceremony attended by thousands of Olympic athletes from around the world. The journey to Beijing is next for many of them.



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America's "Dream Team" wasn't its much-hyped group of NBA stars, but its softball team, which dominated Olympic competition on the way to a gold medal.

"It's amazing and it never gets old," said soccer player Kristine Lilly, herself a three-time Olympian. "It's an experience I'll cherish forever."

Beijing buildup under way

China out to make 2008 Games most organized, competitive ever

BY NIKO PRICE

ATHENS, Greece — Even before the athletes claimed all the gold in the Athens Games, the buildup to the 2008 Beijing Olympics was in full swing.

They could be the most elaborate, best organized and most competitive Games ever. They could also be the toughest yet for the United States.

"It's almost like a buildup to a war," said Bob Condron, a spokesman for the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Sunday, when Beijing's mayor took possession of the Olympic flag during an eight-minute pag-eart at the Athens closing ceremony tying ancient Olympia to the Great Wall of China. Directing was Zhang Yimou, famous for his visually lush movies including "Raise the Red Lantern" and the Oscar-nominated "Hero."

China wants to show that it is going all out, and this is a country that knows how to go all out. After all, it built the Great Wall. It recently remodeled its largest cities, sacrificing entire neighborhoods for six-lane avenues and skyscrapers. In 1958, it implemented a misguided industrialization plan with such fervor that 40 million people starved to death.

Now, after a two-decade shift from closed socialist fieldon to ward global economic powerhouse, China plans to use the Olympics to demonstrate that the world's most populous nation is a surging force to be reckoned with — and not only in sports.

"The Games will be a kind of vehicle to showcase China opening up," said Wang Wei, secretary-general of the organizing committee. "China is the biggest developing country, the fastest-growing economy, and the Olympics enjoy the greatest popular support in China."

Condron put it more simply:

"This is the biggest coming-out party in history."

Organizers are trying to calm concerns over their nation's humans rights record — which drew protests in Athens — and pledging not to stifle the 20,000 journalists expected to journey to Beijing.

To be a success, China believes, everything will have to be perfect.

In sharp contrast to Greece, which finished Olympic venues only days before the Games began, China drew up plans to complete everything two years early. A massive propaganda machine is spreading awareness of



Chinese construction workers carry a water hose past the Olympic rings on the streets of Beijing, China, on June 7. Beijing will host the 2008 Olympic Games. Unlike Athens, which was plagued by delays and finished some of its Olympic venues days before the start of the Games, Beijing is planning on finishing two years early. "If you need a million men to finish a stadium, you make a phone call and they're there overnight," said Olympic documentary filmmaker Bud Greenspan, who has worked closely with China's Olympic organizers.



Among China's goals is domination of international sports and the Olympic medal count. Liu Xiang's gold medal in the men's 110-meter hurdles Friday is evidence that they're making progress toward that goal.

sports and Olympic traditions among China's 1.3 billion people. The government is falling over itself to prepare infrastructure even changing laws to please IOC

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The Chinese people are no less passionate about the Games than their government. When the Olympic torch came through China in June on its way to Greece, Wang said, more than 1 million people turned out to see it pass.

"The celebration, the atmosphere was great," he said. "Just imagine when the Beijing opening ceremony takes place. It's going to be fantastic!"

The government recently revised its construction plans, delaying them to finish one year before the Games. The reason? The International Olympic Committee, accustomed to pressuring host nations to speed up their efforts, suggested China slow down to avert a cash-flow problem.

To the dismay of other nations,

the IOC cannot offer such guidance to China's sports machine. It is roaring ahead with a single goal: to destroy all competition in 2008. The United States, the medals winner in Athens, is enemy No. 1.

"The Chinese buildup is the most massive in sports history," Condron said. "They may be so good that they could put the medals race out of sight."

China participated in 14 of 28 sports in Sydney. In Athens, it competed in 26. Its goal for 2008 is to enter athletes in every sport—athletes who can win.

"They're going to swamp every-

Summer Olympics host cities

1900	Paris
1904	St. Louis
1906	Athens
1908	London
1912	Stockholm
1920	Antwerp
1924	Paris
1928	Amsterdam
1932	Los Angeles
1936	Berlin
1948	London
1952	Helsinki
1956	Melbourne
1960	Rome
1964	Tokyo
1968	Mexico City
1972	Munich
1976	Montreal
1980	Moscow
1984	Los Angeles
1988	Seoul
1992	Barcelona

body," Greenspan said with a chuckle.

Atlanta

Sydney Athens

He Huixian, a vice chairman of the Chinese Olympic Committee, said his nation has stepped up training for young people in sports like swimming and track and field — competitions in which many medals are awarded but China has traditionally fielded weak teams.

Those efforts have already begun to pay off: Look no further than China's two gold medals in track and field Friday.

Other sports powers — the United States, Russia, Germanny and Australia — also are targeting resources to boost athlete training, but China's push is more efficient because the government funds and exerts strong control over

Children are tested at a young age to determine if their bodies will develop appropriately for a certain sport, then are placed into government-funded sports schools that have demanding training schedules but offer major perks for the children's families.

The head of the Russian Olympic delegation observed that the Chinese system is really the old Soviet system, and "they just took it from us."

China's delegation to Athens even sacrificed some older athletes in favor of less qualified younger ones, so they could gain Olympic experience that will help them triumph in 2008.

"If the home team doesn't perform well, you don't have a good atmosphere in the Games," Wang

Asked whether that meant China would steamroll over the competition, Wang gave a knowing smile and a humble response. "No need to be frightened." he

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Bob Condron

U.S. triumphs tempered by some disappointments

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece - By all ac-counts, the United States had a great Olympics.

Americans won 103 medals, more than in Sydney or Atlanta. Michael Phelps put on a show for the ages, capped by a wonderful lesson in sportsmanship. Paul Hamm offered a tremendous re-

minder about never giving up The amazing thing is, it could have been better.

Americans won just 35 gold medals, the fewest since Montreal, 28 years ago. Phelps fell short of the goal he set and \$1 million bonus he craved. And Hamm is still defending the legitimacy of his triumph.

So while Athens will go down as one of the best Summer Games for the red, white and blue, don't put it at the top of the list.

These great Olympics could have been superb. But something always got in the way.

Look at Phelps. He won eight medals, something no American and only one other Olympian had done. The let-down was that two were bronze. Had they been gold, he would've met his dream of breaking the record of seven golds won by Mark Spitz in 1972 - and collected a \$1 million bonus

"I can't say enough about what an honor it was to even have the opportunity to attempt that, Phelps said Sunday.

Phelps could have closed his games by swimming the butterfly leg of the 400-meter relay. Instead, he gave his spot to team-mate and top rival Ian Crocker. not because he was tired but so they could both get a medal. They did. Gold.

Schoolteachers and coaches can get a lot of mileage out of that one. They also can tell kids about Hamm, who went from a vault landing that sent him tumbling onto the judges' table — and into 12th place - to winning the all-around gold with two near-perfect performances.

He was hardly able to savor the comeback, though, because of a scoring squabble that has outlasted the Olympic flame. The caul-dron was extinguished Sunday night, but the Court of Arbitration for Sport headed back to Lausanne, Switzerland, without having ruled on South Korea's re est to have the top three reshuffled with its gymnast on top.

The list of U.S. champions includes the expected, like Phelps and the softball and women's basketball squads; the hoped for, like Hamm and fellow gymnast Carly Patterson; and pleasant surprises, like Mariel Zagunis winning the first American gold in fencing since 1904.

More notable are the names that are missing — most promi-nently the men's basketball team that had been unbeaten at the Olympics since adding NBA play ers in 1992. The squad formerly known as the Dream Team got one of those. They were shut out for the first time in 92 years.

American boxers had their worst Olympics in 56 years, win-ning just two medals. At least one was gold, though, the first by the squad since 1996.

In track, medal sweeps in the men's 200 and 400 meters were great. Silver in the men's 400 relay and a disqualification in the vomen's race weren't. The men had won seven of the last nine times they entered. The women had won four of the last five.

The male track team ended up with its most medals since 1992. The women had their fewest since '76, hindered by having left some of their best sprinters home in the wake of a steroid scandal

There also was turnover within the team. Justin Gatlin, Allyson Felix and Lauryn Williams were among a new wave of Olympians who sparkled, while established stars like Gail Devers. Allen Johnson and Stacy Dragila failed to even make any finals

Rulon Gardner, the best story in Sydney, wasn't able to defer his wrestling gold medal. He wasn't too upset, though. The bronze he won was just as precious because of what he'd been through since 2000: a near-fatal snowmobile wreck that cost him a toe, a motorcycle crash and a dislocated wrist playing basketball

Then there are the ones that got away, like shot putter Adam Nelson tying for first but getting silver on the tiebreaker because he fouled on all of his other throws.

And how about the 50-meter three-position rifle event? Matt Emmons took a commanding lead into his final blast, then shot the



U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps tied an Olympic record with eight medals, and capped off his Games with a lesson in sportmanship by giving up his spot in the final relay to teammate/rival lan Crocker.

wrong target. The goof sunk him As with any Games, this was the

st hurrah for many champions. Swimmer Jenny Thompson who won two silvers to bump her American-best career medal total to 12, isn't likely to be back for a

fifth games.

Dawn Staley is calling it quits after leading the women's baskethall team to three straight golds And the five stalwarts on the women's soccer team - Mia Hamm Julie Foudy, Brandi Chastain, Joy Fawcett and Kristine Lilly also going out in golden style.

"It's not about the medal Hamm said, "it's about the dream

Stars and flops of Athens

ATHENS, Greece — The stars and flops of the Olympics:

Stars

Michael Phelps won eight medals, tying the record for most at one Olympics with six golds

at one Olympics with six golds and two bronzes.

Hicham El Guerrouj of Morocco became the first man in 80 years to sweep the Olympic middle-distance races, winning the

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The U.S. softball team — led by Crystl Bustos, Jennie Finch, Cat Osterman and Lisa Fernandez — was dominant on its gold-medal outscoring

51-1.

The U.S. women's basketball team — a star-studded line that included Dawn Staley, Lisa Lesile and Sheryl Swoopes — beat Australia 74-63 for gold.

Andre Ward won the light heavyweight gold, one of only the U.S. men's elite eight crows set a world record in the

crew set a world record in the semifinals, then ended a 40-year American drought in rowing gold nedals.

Mariel Zagunis of the United

States won gold in saber — the first for the U.S. fencing team since 1904 and first medal ever for the women.

I lraq's soccer team made an

unexpected run to the bronze-medal game, losing 1-0 to

Italy.

U.S. sprinter Justin Gatlin held

■ U.S. sprinter Justin Gatlin held off the field to win the 100 meters in 9.85 seconds to claim the title of world's fastest man. ■ Jeremy Wariner won the 400-meter run, leading a U.S. sweep with Otis Harris and Der-rick Brew.

Abby Wambach's 10-yard header lifted the United States to a 2-1 win over Brazil for soccer gold in the last game for World Cup champion veterans Mia Hamm, Julie Foudy and Joy Fawc-ett. ■ Kelly Holmes of Britain surged to win the 1,500 meters gold, clinching a rare middle dis-tance Olympic double after win-ning the 800.

ning the 800.

■ Yelena Isinbayeva of Russia set a world record in the pole vault for the fourth time this year, clearing 16-1¼ to win gold in a duel with teammate Svetlana Feofanova.

■ U.S. beach volleyball stars

■ U.S. beach volleyball stars Misty May and Kerri Walsh won gold without losing a set. ■ Israeli windsurfer Gal Frid-man won sailing's Mistral class, his nation's first Olympic gold

Flops

Marion Jones left Athens without a medal after a botched handoff in the 400-meter relay and a mediocre fifth-place long jump. She won five medals four years

ago in Sydney.

The U.S. men's basketball team lost its opening game to Puerto Rico by 19 points and added two more losses en route to a ize medal.

bronze medal.

Greek sprinters Kostas Kenteris and Katerina Thanou were disgraced by allegations they tried to avoid a doping test, then hours later were involved in a suspicious motorcycle wreck.

World champion Perdita Felicien of Canada was in tears on the track after slamming into a hotel and knocking Russian Irina. Shevchenko out of the 100-meter

Shevchenko out of the 100-meter hurdles. Minning gold in the 50-meter prone event, U.S. shoot-ref Matt Emmons blew a great chance for another gold when he free control of the shoot of the

vance.
■ At least six medals — three - were revoked because of

by numerous scoring and judging disputes, affecting gymnastics, swimming, equestrian, rowing and fencing.

Carly Patterson became the first American woman since Mary Lou Retton in 1984 to win the all-around title. She also won two silvers.



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From scandal to ambush, Athens had it all

t began with a scandal in the sprints and ended with an ambush in the man athon

The first rocked the host nation The second startled everyone else.

All it proved is that for grand stages and stunning surprises, there is still nothing in sports quite like the Olympics.

Only at the Games could U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps win six golds and two bronze, and leave people wondering what might have been. Then he did something almost as impressive. Phelps handed his spot on the 400-meter medley relay team to friend and rival Ian Crocker, took a seat in the stands, and cheered his heart out.

"I wanted to come in here and I wanted to win one gold medal. And I did it the first night," Phelps said

"So, from then on out I was here to have fun and ... represent my country as best as

Nowhere else could Moroccan Hicham El Guerrouj, the greatest middle-distance runner of all-time, leave everybody murmuring about what should have been. He won the 1,500 gold after failing twice before at the games, and then added the 5,000 - a double that hadn't been accomplished since Paavo Nurmi did it in 1924.

Only at the Olympics could U.S. gymnast Paul Hamm go home with a gold wondering what still might be

And only here could two dozen athletes get busted for drugs - more than twice the number at Sydney four years ago — and have it widely hailed as a success.

These were the Games where it became increasingly difficult to cheat and where clean athletes were better protected," IOC chief Jacques Rogge said at the closing ceremony Sunday night.

Jim Litke

erything came together spectacularly at the last minute for the or-Precious few athletes, however. were so blessed.

Members of the U.S. men's basketball team, by reputation the biggest lock at the start of the Games. stumbled over their size 15 sneakers and

had to scramble for bronze. The win that knocked them out propelled Argentina to the top of the medal stand, but their countrymen were probably too busy celebrating to notice. Only in a soccer-mad land like Argentina would certain gold in their national pastime trump the biggest upset of the Games.

Upset is how the Greeks felt when hometown heroes Kostis Kenteris and Katerina Thanou skinned a drug test on the eye of the opening ceremony to take a mysterious midnight motorcycle ride that ended with both forced to withdraw from the Games.

U.S. track star Marion Jones was fortunate to stay ahead of the drug testers, but she couldn't say the same about the compe-

She was soundly beaten in the long jump, then undone in the 400-meter relay by a botched pass of the baton

'It exceeded my wildest dreams," she said afterward, "in a negative sense Brazilian marathoner Vanderlei de Lima knew exactly how she felt. He was leading the race with about 10 minutes and three miles to go when a defrocked Irish priest in

a bizarre costume stepped onto the course and shoved de Lima into the crowd. De

Lima got back into the race, but was eventually passed by the winner, Stefano Baldini of Italy

'I'm not going to cry forever about the incident, although it broke my concentra-tion," de Lima said, "but I managed to finish and the bronze medal in such a difficult marathon is also a great achievement.

Not everyone was treated so cruelly Greco-Roman wrestler Rulon Gardner

couldn't duplicate the drama he staged in Sydney, but at least he left on his terms With tears rolling down his face and an American flag cradled in his arms, Gardner took off his shoes and left them in the middle of the mat - as eloquent a retirement ceremony as there is in sports

"I came back and won a medal. Even though it's bronze, I have no regrets because I gave 100 percent in every match," Gardner said.

His leaving was offset by arrivals every bit as inspiring.

Chinese sprinter Liu Xiang won the 110-meter hurdles to become his nation's first gold medalist in track and equaled the world record of 12.91 seconds in the bargain. It was the centerpiece of a haul of 32 second only to the United States total of 35 — that sent a shiver down the spine of every nation headed for Beijing in 2008, when the Olympics become home games for the world's most populous nation. Some nations, though, were too busy shivering with joy to notice.

Windsurfer Gal Fridman won Israel's first gold. Ahmed Al Maktoum, a wealthy sheik, gave the United Arab Emirates its first gold in trap shooting. Taiwan got its first in taekwondo; the Dominican Republic in men's 400-meter hurdles, Chile in tennis and Georgia in judo.

The Games returned to Athens after 108

years on the road, but some things never changed.

Among the athletes stripped of their edals was Russian shot putter Irina Korzhanenko. She tested positive for steroids, a case that was particularly distressing since she became the first woman to win a gold at Ancient Olympia, the hallowed site where the Olympics were born in 776 B.C.

A scandal of a more recent vintage reared its head when the International Gymnastics Federation, known as FIG. suspended three judges and acknowledged that South Korean Yang Tae-voung - who finished two places down the podium from Hamm in the closest all-around finish in Olympic history — should have been awarded more points for his routine based

on the degree of difficulty.

Had he been given the correct score,
Yang would have won the gold and Hamm the silver. But a review of Yang's performance also revealed a mistake in his routine that would have resulted in his being beaten by a wider margin. incompetence knows no Showing

bounds, FIG boss Bruno Grandi then suggested Hamm give the gold to Yang to get the protesting South Koreans off his back. But they left Athens without satisfaction, awaiting a decision from the Court of Arbitration for Sport on an appeal.

The South Koreans drew on the prece

dent set by the IOC at the 2002 Salt Lake City Games, when another judging scandal resulted in a Canadian figure-skating pair being awarded a duplicate gold.

Whatever wounds the IOC hoped to close at the time, that move could turn out to be the start of an epidemic.

Not long after the marathon ended Brazil announced it, too, would ask the arbitra-

tion panel for a duplicate gold. Jim Litke is a national sports columnist for The

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Turin facing questions on readiness for 2006

BY ALAN ABRAHAMSON

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Los Angeles Times

ATHENS, Greece - When the flame went out Sunday night at Olympic Stadium, the spotlight shifted immediately to the next edition of the Games, the Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy, which begin Feb. 10, 2006, not even 18

months from now

It's hardly certain, officials said, that Turin - in Italian, Torino, the name the city will be called on NBC's Olympic telecasts - will be ready

For public consumption, Olympic insiders express only modest concern. Behind the scenes, they are far more direct. Referring to the troubled preparation for the Athens Games - concerns over construction, transportation, security and cost overruns - a senior Olympic official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said, "We will remember this as the greatest, compared to Torino. Torino is

At the same time, Olympic offi-cials also say the Turin Games could - and should - set a new standard for style and other "look of the Games" issues, meaning the way the Olympic venues look in person and on television.

The Turin "look" is based on ne "piazza," or city square, which chief organizer Valentino Castellani has described as the "perfect Italian metaphor for the Olympic Games — a place of passion and participation."

"A terrific idea," said Jean-Claude Killy, the three-time 1968 Grenoble Games skiing gold medalist who oversaw the 1992 Winter Games in Albertville, France, and now heads the Inter-

national Olympic Committee's inspection team for Turin. There are construction con-

cerns in Turin, just as there were in Athens. For instance, will the bobsled track be built in time? 'We have asked our friends in Turin to accelerate prepara-tions," Jacques Rogge, IOC president, said. "We are sure they will deliver, but a sense of urgency is needed. It is the same thing we asked our Athens friends."

A long-standing concern has been Turin's plan to split action between the city and the mountains an hour's drive away. The ice sports will be in Turin, the sports in the mountains Will it work? It worked well in Salt Lake City and Nagano, Japan, less so in Lillehammer, Norway, and Albertville, France. These Winter Games will be

the first Olympics in Italy since the Summer Games in Rome in 1960, but much of the nation has welcomed their approach with a ho-hum attitude.

Turin is tucked into northwest Italy, away from Rome, Milan, Na-ples and Florence. Long Fiat's base, it is the Detroit of Italy — a car-company town - and hardly a must-see on the tourist circuit.

That's why local bidders sought the Games — to change Turin's image, in the way that Barcelona used the 1992 Games to promote itself. That's also why the rest of Italy has been lukewarm, the Games seen as a regional, not na tional, phenomenon.

Rogge and Killy are to meet with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi next month, hoping to increase support.

In a further effort to generate support, the Olympic torch for the Turin Games relay will be pre-

sented next January — in Milan.
The relay will start Dec. 8, 2005
— in Rome. The flame will travel throughout the country, in Paler mo for Christmas, Naples for New Year's, Cortina d'Ampezzo — site of the 1956 Winter Games - on Jan. 26, 2006, the 50th anniversa-ry of the opening ceremony there.

Perhaps most pressing for the Turin Games, however, are ques-tions about the management structure, leadership abilities and the lack of business and sports ex-perience at the top of the Turin 2006 organizing committee.

Unlike recent organizing committees, here in Athens — there is no undisputed chief executive. Key responsibilities are often shared by the committee's presi dent, former Turin mayor Castel-lani; deputy president Evelina Christillin, and chief executive Paolo Rota.

"We are totally aware of our problems," Christillin said, but pledged that things would work out, just as they did in Athens. "We are sure our Games will be good Games."



Broncos RB Anderson sidelined indefinitely

From wire reports

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. - Denver Broncos running back Mike Anderson will see a specialist on Monday for another opinion on his groin injury, coach Mike Shanahan said but it annears Anderson will be out awhile.

Anderson could miss anywhere from two months to the entire sea-

Shanahan said the team won't know how long Anderson will be out until after he sees the special.

Luther Elliss has a partially torn right pectoral muscle



and he could out two weeks. Elliss, who completely tore the same muscle last year, said he

hopes to play in Denver's season opener against Kansas City on Sept.12. Anderson hurt his groin cover-

ing a punt with less than two minutes remaining in Friday's exhibition game against Houston

Anderson slimmed down to 227 pounds to return to tailback after a couple of seasons at fullback. He rushed for 163 vards and a touchdown on 34 carries in the exhibition season before the injury. While Anderson is out, the

Broncos have rookie Tatum Bell and veteran Garrison Hearst to back up starter Quentin Griffin. "That's why we got Garrison

this offseason, that's why we drafted Tatum Bell," offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak said. "We're built for this situation. You don't like it, but we're built for it.

Even though they have good depth at running back, the Broncos were hoping for the best with



Denver Broncos running back Mike Anderson grimaces in pain after injuring his groin in the fourth quarter against the Houston Texans.

"If anybody can make it back, that one can," Kubiak said. "He's a tough kid. Hopefully he will be back

Browns OB Garcia wants more action

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Nearly every time he talks, Cleveland Browns quarterback Jeff Garcia has a new worry.

Two weeks ago he was concerned that the offense wasn't maximizing his talents. Last Wednesday, he lamented the wide receivers' lack of involvement

But Garcia was clearly at his most frustrated Saturday night following the Browns' penal-ty-plagued 21-19 victory at Kansas City.

The three-time Pro Bowler who joined the Browns in March criticized the coaching staff for not playing him enough to get the passing game ready for the Sept. 12 opener against Baltimore.

He's run a total of 52 plays, not counting penalties, in three preseason games. He's completed 12 of 20 passes for 115 yards with a long gain of 25 yards.

"Right now it's very frustrating. We need to find a way to get on the same page," Garcia said.
"Throwing the ball six or seven times a game just isn't going to do anything for me and for the receivers. I'm new to this offense, I need some opportunities.

"We haven't really seen enough time on the field to get anything going."

Garcia said he was surprised at the start of the second quarter when new offensive coordinator Terry Robiskie asked him if he was ready to come out. The Browns had just scored in three plays, all runs by William Green and Lee Suggs, to take a 7-6 lead with 13:58 left before halftime.

"I said, 'I haven't done anything. I don't feel like I've even been in the game. I need at least one more series." Garcia said he told Robiskie. "I got three more plays, and that was it.

I know the main thing is that it's the regular season that ry. But I also want to find my way and be able to get dirty and try to make plays. It just seemed too sporadic

Against the Chiefs, Garcia ran 15 plays, with five others nullified by penalties for false start, illegal formation and illegal motion.

As much as the passing game needs to gel, Garcia expects to barely more than a quarter in Friday's home preseason finale against Chicago.

Asked if he needed three quarters against the Bears, Garcia said, "It's not going to happen. It's the last preseason game. Now the focus is more on preparing for Baltimore than it is for Chicago."

Boerigter might miss season

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Marc Boerigter will undergo knee surgery on Monday and might be lost the year, throwing Kansas City's tattered wide receiver corns into even greater disarray Boerigter, who seemed ready

to rebound from a subpar 2003 season, twisted his right knee in a noncontact play early in the Chiefs' 21-19 exhibition loss Saturday night to Cleveland.

Coach Dick Vermeil said Sun day that doctors believe Boerigter might have suffered ligament damage. "I'll know more tomorrow after

they operate as to what the projections are," Vermeil said. "Person-ally, I don't believe [Boerigter will return] this season. That hurt me more than losing the game.'

The 6-foot-3 Boerigter totaled 420 yards and eight touchdowns on just 20 catches in 2002, his first year in the NFL. He slumped last season but looked sharp all through camp, catching four pass**NFL** transactions

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Released WR hris Collins, WR Fabian Davis, PK Matt brdyce, DT Nate Hobgood-Chittick, LB gie Grimes, PK Damon Duvai, Ub David Rivers, CB Brandon Williams, RB Zack Abron, C David Ashkinaz, WR Chris Curd, DE Kevin Emanuel, T William Henry, G Rodney Reed, CB Pat Ricketts and LB

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ST. LOUIS RAMS—Placed LB Jeremy Loyd and OT Kyle Turley on injured reserve. Released TE Nick Burley, WR Michael Coleman, CB Robert Comartie, CB Corey Yates, QB Russ Michael and DT

"SAN PRANCESCO DERES - Weeter WR John Stone S. Callon Carrier, Let Grapher S. Carrier,

es for 50 vards last Monday night against St. Louis.

Johnny Morton, slated to start
alongside Eddie Kennison at

wide receiver, has missed virtual ly the entire training camp with a sore Achilles' tendon. Kennison, also slowed by injury, made his first start of the preseason against the Browns.

Junqueira back in points race

MONTREAL — After two runner-up finishes in the season standings, Bruno Junqueira figures it's his turn to win a Champ Car title.

On Sunday, he kept his hopes alive with a victory in the Montreal Molson Indv The Brazilian driver, once all but out of the cham-



pionship picture in a season dom-inated by Newman/Haas Racing teammate Sebastien Bourdais, got back into it by staying out of trouble in the chaotic race. Bourdais didn't. "This is going to give me and

my team a lot of confidence going into the last four races of the season," Junqueira said. "We're going to work hard and try to catch Sebastien for the cham-With his title hopes on the brink of extinction, Jun-

queira finally had some good luck after a season filled with misfortunes and disappointments The victory, combined with Bourdais' 15th-place

finish, put some life back into the championship battle that appeared all but over when Bourdais won his sixth pole of the year and went into the race Sunwith a 58-point lead over Junqueira.

With the sixth victory of his career and first since last August in Denver, Junqueira sliced that margin to 34 points with four races remaining.

It appeared to be another good day for Bourdais when he dominated the early part of the 69-lap race on the 2.709-mile Circuit Gilles Villeneuve.

The Frenchman built a lead close to 10 seconds over Junqueira before stopping a second time on lap 41. Bourdais, on cold tires, came out of the pits just ahead of rookie A.J. Allmendinger and sped up to try to fend off the youngster as they drove into a sharp right-hand turn. The cars hanged together. breaking Bourdais' right front suspensi ing his race.

Wheldon leads Andretti team sweep

NAZARETH, Pa. - Dan Wheldon took advantage of a fiery mishap during a pit stop by leader Sam Hornish Jr. and extended Honda's winning streak to 12 races with a record-setting victory Sunday in the last race at Nazareth Speedway.

Wheldon's third career victory and third of the season came in the Firestone Indy 225 - the IRL's 100th race. It was an emotional victory for car owner Michael Andretti, a lifelong resident of this Lehigh Valley village who won the first race at the track in 1987

Wheldon beat teammate Tony Kanaan, the IRL points leader, by 3.5553 seconds. The victory moved Wheldon within 72 points of Kanaan Dario Franchitti, a winner a week earlier at Pikes Peak International Raceway, made it a top-three

sweep for Andretti Green Racing - the first in IRL

"This is the biggest win in my career as a team owner for sure," Andretti said. "And to do it in style, 1-2-3. That's awesome." Hornish was in control when he pitted under cau-

tion on the 146th of 225 laps. But Hornish left before refueler Chris Seaman disengaged the hose. It split and fuel spewed out as Seaman fell to the

ound. As he lay there flailing his arms to indicate fire from invisible methanol fuel, team owner Roger Penske was the first to douse him with water. Seaman escaped injury because of his fire suit.

Hornish had to come back in one lap later because the left side of his car was afire.

Golf closed with four straight birdies

in a 5-under-par 67 for a one-shot victory Sunday at the Tradition and his second major on the Champions Tour. Stadler finished at 13-under 275. a stroke ahead of Jerry Pate

(66) and Allen Doyle (71) at Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club. Hometown favorite Peter Ja-

cobsen was one of seven golfers at 11 under. Stadler, who started the round

four stokes behind the leaders, had a difficult third shot from the rough on the par-5 18th, but hit his approach within 4 feet of the pin. He made the birdie putt to reach 13 under, and headed to the clubhouse to see if the lead would hold up against five others one

Jacobsen, a Portland native, missed a 4-foot birdie putt at No. 16 that would have given him the

Pate eagled the par-5 16th to take the lead at 14 under, a shot ahead of Vicente Fernandez, but fell back with bogeys on the final

Austin takes Buick in playoff CROMWELL, Conn. - Woody roundup

Closing birdies lift Stadler 6-foot birdie nutt on the first playoff hole to beat Tim Herron

and win the Buick Championship. Austin shot a 4-under-par 66 and finished 10 under in regulation for his second career victory and first in 274 events.

Austin had a chance to win the tournament on the final hole of regulation, but flew his approach about 80 feet past the pin and made a bogey on the 18th.

Herron bounced back from a double-bogey on the 17th hole by making a 24-foot birdie putt at No. 18 to force the playoff.

Ochoa surges past Park

KUTZTOWN, Pa. - Lorena Ochoa birdied three of the last four holes to overcome five-stroke deficit and win the Wachovia LPGA Classic.

Ochoa finished with a 65 to score a 19-under 269 for her second career win. She took the lead for good when third-round leader Grace Park bogeyed the 15th one of three bogeys by Park on the back nine Park finished two strokes behind Ochoa.

Curacao tops Calif. for Little League title

BY DAN LEWERENZ The Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. Carlos Pineda looked shaky when he started with three consecutive balls and then hit California's leadoff batter. But he got a lot better in a hurry

Pineda struck out 11, and Jurickson Profar hit a two-run homer as Pabao Little League of Willemstad, Curacao, took an early lead and held on for a 5-2 victory over Conejo Valley of Thousand Oaks, Calif., in the Little League World Series championship on Sunday night. Curacao coach Michelangelo

Celestina said the early advantage was "very important, because it was the first time we were in a final game of the Little League World Series.'

Teams from Curacao reached the international final game the previous three years, but lost each time to a team from Japan.

California scored both of its runs in the top of the sixth, and had runners on first and third two outs. James Brady grounded to first baseman Christopher Garia, who won a race to the bag for the final out.

It was the first Little League title for the tiny island in the Netherlands Antilles, and the first for

any team from the Caribbean. The victory set off wild celebrations in Willemstad. Fireworks exnloded after the last out as islanders watched on big-screen televisions. Caravans of cars snaked through the streets honking horns on the Caribbean island, while some revelers took to the streets on foot, dancing and partying,

Curacao (6-0) never trailed, going up 1-0 in the bottom of the

ing a 1-1 count, Profar homered to left field — his first home run of the series - to make it 3-0.

"I did all the things good I want-ed to do — hitting, defense," Profar said through an interpreter. After that, Pineda (2-0) kept his

team out of trouble "He was throwing very hard,"

Celestina said. "I think the speed that he has is unbeatable

It was almost a complete collapse for a California team that many expected to dominate. Coneio Valley committed just two errors in five games, but had three errors by the end of the third inning of the title game. On Saturday night, California shut out a Texas team that averaged more than 10 runs a game.

California's coaches refused to come to the postgame news conference.

Curação broke the game open in the third on a strange RBI double by Quincey van Blarcum. play in right field, but the ball bounced in front of him and over his body.

Charlton Martis scored easily, while Willie Rifaela and van Blarcum continued around the bases.

The runners appeared to be jammed when Rifaela held up at third and van Blarcum was caught halfway between second and third. But when Rifaela went home, the throw to the plate was off the mark, allowing Rifaela to score, making it 5-0.

In the consolation game, Lamar National Little League of Richmond, Texas, beat Linda Vista Little League of Guadalupe, Mexico, 5.0 Randal Grichuk's second hit of the game for Texas tied the record for hits in a series with 12.

Pujols collects 100th RBI, leads Cardinals to sweep

PITTSBURGH - Albert Pujols turned down a day off and then joined some elite company.

Puiols hit his 40th home run and reach RBIs for the fourth consecutive season, and the St. Louis Cardinals completed a three-game sweep of the Pirates with a 4-0 victory Sunday.

Pujols, who also hit his first triple of the season, became the fourth player to start his major league career with four straight seasons with at least 100 RBIs. He joined Hall of Famers Al Simmons, Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams as the only players to accomplish the feat.

"It's awesome," Pujols said. "It's tough to get 100

at this level, but I'm here to do the best I can to win. I don't care who they try to compare me to. I just want to be myself and try to get better every day. It's about winning. That's why I'm here. I want to be a winner and hopefully we'll get that opportunity this

Pujols was refreshed after being given Saturday off It was just the sixth game he's missed "I felt like yesterday was a good time to do it," he

said. "My body was telling me I was so tired." Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said he consid-ered resting Puiols on Sunday, too.

"I told him no because I felt strong enough to go out and play," Pujols said. "We were facing a tough lefty and I needed to go out there and try to help us to win.'

Jason Marquis (13-4) held the Pirates to four hits in 71/3 shutout innings to win his 10th straight decision. He hasn't lost since the Pirates beat him 11-8 on May 26. He walked four and hit a batter as the Cardinals won their seventh straight game against the Pirates

"I was more than pleased," La Russa said, "It was a tough matchup against [Oliver] Perez, a hot day, the end of a road trip. It was an outstanding perfor-

Marquis said the heat and humidity didn't bother

"I felt great," he said. "I'm feeling real good physically and my mechanics have been good. Things have been going pretty well and my team has a lot to do with that. We've been playing real good baseball. I'm just glad to be part of it."

Ray King got one out in the eighth, and Julian Tavarez got four outs for his fourth save in St. Louis

Perez (9-7) had won three consecutive decisions and six of eight, but gave up three runs on five hits in six innings



St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols, right, is congratulated by teammate Scott Rolen after his home run in the eighth inning against the Pirates on Sunday.

"He had a couple of mistake pitches, but he certainly pitched well enough to win a game," manager Lloyd McClendon said.

The Pirates have lost nine of their last 12 — with seven of the losses to St. Louis. They were 1-7 in consecutive weekend series against the Cardinals.

"We have a long way to go to get to their level," Pi-rates outfielder Rob Mackowiak said.

Pujols' triple keyed a two-run third inning against Perez that gave St. Louis a 2-0 lead. With one out. Roger Cedeno walked and scored when Puiols' drive rolled to the notch in left-center field, the deep est part of PNC Park. Pujols, who reached third standing, scored when Scott Rolen blooped a single just beyond shortstop Jack Wilson's reach.

"He's going about it the right way," La Russa said. "He just tries to win the game and the numbers just

happen."
The Cardinals added a run in the sixth. Rolen led off with a walk and scored two outs later when Mike Matheny's sinking liner fell for a double, then rolled away from left fielder Jason Bay.

Pujols hit Brian Meadows' first pitch of the eighth over the center-field wall to make it 4.0

The Cardinals are 18-6 on the road since the

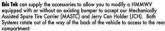
All-Star break. "There's a terrific attitude on this team," La Russa said. "The guys really push each other. This

club has played at a really high level for a long time and that's hard to do. You have to dig deep and they

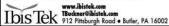
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Federer wins first match in Open played him, once on clay, once on

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NEW YORK - Australian Open and Wimbledon champion Roger Federer began his quest for a third Grand Slam title this season by defeating former French Open champion Albert Costa 7-5, 6-2, 6-4 Monday in the first round of the U.S. Open.

Playing on an oppressively humid afternoon at the National Tennis Center, Federer came into the Open on a mission. He has never progressed beyond the round of 16 in four previous appearances in the season's final Grand Slam.

But now he is seeded No. 1, the pre-tournament favorite, and he played an efficient first-round match against Costa, who is more at home on clay than the hard courts of the Open. Federer took 2 hours, 4 min-

utes to beat Costa, who had split four previous matches with the top seed.
"I lost the last two times I

hard," Federer said. "He knows how to beat me

Not on Monday. Blasting serves as fast as 129 mph. Federer delivered 11 aces to one for Costa and won easily.

Earlier, third-seeded Carlos Mova got an early scare from wild-card entry Brian Baker. dropping the first set before recovering to defeat the 19-year-old 6-7 (8-6), 6-4, 6-4, 6-2

Equipped with the highest Grand Slam ranking of his career, Moya came into the Open off a strong season. He reached the quarterfinals at Cincinnati and at the Olympics, losing to the eventual champion both times. So Baker, making just his second ap pearance in this event, seemed to

be an easy first-round draw. But the teenager got an early lead in the opening set and then won the tiebreak, even after losing a lead.

After that, however, Mova es

tablished control. He rinned 24 aces and 66 winners in the match that stretched 3 hours 7 minutes

Second-seeded Amelie Mauresmo defeated American Marissa Irvin 6-4, 6-2 in the opening match of the tournament.

Mauresmo waited 20-minute rain delay at the start and then wore down Irvin methodically. She hit 18 winners and had seven aces, six in the second set.

A semifinalist or better in eight of 12 tour events this year, including Wimbledon, Mauresmo overcame four double faults and won 77 percent of her first-serve points. She converted all four of her break-point opportunities and finished the match in 1 hour, 13

In other early matches, former Wimbledon champion Conchita Martinez lost to No. 31 seed Maria Vento-Kabchi 0-6, 6-2, 6-3, and Ai Sugiyama, seeded No. 12, took advantage of 38 unforced errors and defeated Teryn Ashley

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Barry Bonds follows through on a fifth-inning home run Sunday night against the Atlanta Braves. It was Bonds' second homer of the game and 696th of his career. He finished 4-for-5 with six RBIs as the Giants beat Atlanta 9-5, tying San Diego and Chicago for the wild-card lead.

Bombs away, Barry!

Bonds reaches 696 with two mammoth home runs: Giants beat Braves to gain share of wild-card lead

ATLANTA — Barry Bonds is counting home runs, not the distance they travel.

Who cares where it goes," he said. "As long as they go over the vellow line.

Bonds hit two mammoth two-run homers — giving him 696 in his career and went 4-for-5 with six RBIs Sunday night, leading the San Francisco Giants to a 9-5 victory over the Atlanta Braves.

The home runs that flew an estimated 929 feet were the second and third longest in Turner Field history. Bonds added a two-run single in the sixth inning to help Atlanta's season-best. six-game winning streak.

Bonds had a chance for his first five-hit game in the eighth, but rookie right-hander Roman Colon struck him out with a sinker.
"I was tired," Bonds, smiling,

said during a 10-minute session with reporters. "I saw eight base-

He was not surprised that the Braves ignored a common trend and pitched to him.

They're going to win their division so there's no need to walk " said Bonds, who has drawn

183 walks, 93 of them intentional. "I don't believe they were trying to groove it, but they were pitching to him," San Francisco manager Felipe Alou said As Bonds trotted around the

bases after ripping his first homer, a belt-high fastball from Russ Ortiz (13-7) that flew 467 feet into the right field stands in the third inning, the partisan Atlanta fans stood and cheered When he trotted out to left field after giving the Giants a 2-0 lead.

fans seated there gave him another standing ovation. The blast, the second longest

ever at the stadium that opened in 1997, scored J.T. Snow, who had singled. The homer was bested only by Sammy Sosa's 471-foot shot on Sept. 1, 2001.

Bonds hit his 38th in his next at-hat in the fifth also after a single by Snow, who had three of San rancisco's 14 hits.

Bonds drilled an 88 mph fastball from Ortiz into the same area. This one went 462 feet, gave the Giants a 5-2 lead, and produced another standing ovation.

"We wanted to pitch to him in those situations. But, certainly we wanted to make better pitches. Atlanta manager Bobby Cox said.

It was the fourth multihomer game of the season for Bonds and the 68th of his career, breaking a tie with Mark McGwire and placing him second only to Babe Ruth's 72. Bonds has four career three-homer games.

The Braves lead the NL East by 2 games over Florida.

The Giants trail Los Angeles by five games in the NL West but are one percentage point behind Chicago and San Diego in the wild

Astros 10. Cubs 3: Jeff Bag well capped a big weekend with three hits and Lance Berkman homered as Houston climbed back into the NL wild-card race by taking three of four at Chicago The Astros, who have won 11 of 14, trail wild-card leaders Chicago, San Diego and San Francisco

by four games heading into the last month of the season.

Carlos Hernandez (1-1) earned his first major league victory since Sept. 7, 2002. Bagwell was 10-for-18 with seven RBIs in the series.

Marlins 8, Rockies 4: A.J. Burnett (5-6) struck out a team-record 14 in eight innings and Miguel Cabrera and Mike Lowell homered to help host Florida complete a three-game sweep and move within four games of the wild-card lead

Shawn Estes (13-6) allowed eight runs in five innings for the Rockies, who have lost seven straight and 12 of 14

Phillies 10, Brewers 0: Cory Lidle (8-12) homered and threw a four-hitter for his second shutout of the season as the host Phillies extended Milwaukee's streak to 11.

Marlon Byrd hit a grand slam for Philadelphia, which has just six victories in its last 16 games. all against the Brewers.

Dodgers 10, Mets 2: Robin Ventura hit his 17th grand slam, tving Jimmie Foxx and Ted Williams for fourth place on the career list Kazuhisa Ishii (13-6) beat Kris Benson (10-11) as visiting Los Angeles maintained a five-game lead in the NL West.

Padres 11, Expos 3: David Wells (9-7) won his seventh consecutive road decision and helped himself with an RBI single. Ryan Klesko and Khalil Greene each hit two run homers for visiting San Diego.

Reds 6, Diamondbacks 2: Edgar Gonzalez held Cincinnati hitless through six innings, only to have Adam Dunn's 39th homer trigger a rally that carried the Reds past visiting Arizona.

Rampaging Red Sox have Yankees in their sights

BOSTON - The Boston Red Sox are brimming with confidence and gaining ground on the New York Yankees in the AL East "I think we can beat any team

right now," outfielder Johnny Damon said after the Red Sox beat Detroit 6-1 on Sunday for their sixth straight victory, "Our team is rising up. It sure is — and fast. The Red Sox, a season-high 101/2 games be-

hind the first-place Yankees just two weeks ago, have cut the deficit to 41/2 games, the closest they've been to first since June 23. New York lost 6-4 at Toronto. "We've all known the whole year that we can do this," Mark

Bellhorn said. "You want to get hot in the end. Tim Wakefield (11-7) allowed three hits in eight innings to help

Boston win its 11th in 12 games. New York's Alex Rodriguez, who went 4-for-4 with a homer and a walk in the Yankees' loss still isn't worried about Boston.

"They are playing extremely well, but we're in the driver's seat." Rodriguez said. "This game is about runs and they are in the best run of the year.

The Red Sox ended a stretch of 26 games - 23 against teams below .500 at the time of the game - in which they won 20. Next up consecutive three-game home series against Anaheim and Texas, their closest pursuers in the AL wild-card race

"On Tuesday night, you get a chance to set the tempo for the rest of the series," said Curt Schilling, who starts the opener against the Angels.

Wakefield gave up Nook Logan's double in the third, Craig Monroe's 10th homer in the fifth and Logan's single in the eighth.

The Red Sox scored four runs in the fifth off Wilfredo Ledezma (3-2) and two in the seventh on Craig Dingman. The Red Sox outscored the Ti-

gers 20-6 and outhit them 42-22 "Coming here or anywhere else, when you score that many runs in four games, vou're going to lose." Detroit manager Alan Trammell said.

Blue Jays 6, Yankees 4: Carlos Delgado homered in a five-run seventh and the Blue Jays ended a five-game losing skid after a power outage delayed the start for about an hour

Miguel Batista (10-10) allowed two runs and seven hits in seven innings to win for the first time since July 23, a span of seven starts. Jason Frasor gave up a solo homer to pinch-hitter Jorge Posada in the ninth before finishing for his 17th save.

With approximately 11,000 fans in the stands an hour before the game, SkyDome went black for a few minutes before the emergency lights came on. A spokesman for Hydro One, an Ontario power company, said a raccoon blow at a nearby power station. Mike Mussina (9-8) remained

winless in four starts since coming back from an elbow injury that sidelined him for nearly six weeks. He gave up five runs and five hits in 61/3 innings.

Athletics 9, Devil Rays 6: Billy McMillon hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth and the A's completed a three-game sweep of the Devil Rays to finish 7-0 on a homestand for the first time in 12 years.

Mark Mulder was in position to ecome the majors' first 18-game winner until Octavio Dotel (4-1) gave up consecutive homers to Aubrey Huff and Jose Cruz with two outs in the ninth, tying it 6-6.

Angels 4, Twins 2: Adam Kennedy hit a two-run homer off Juan Rincon (10-6) in the bottom of the ninth to win it.

Jose Guillen doubled home the tying run in the sixth for his 100th RBI and Troy Glaus went 0-for-2 with two walks in his first game back after being sidelined for more than 31/2 months with a shoulder injury.

Orioles 7, Rangers 6: Melvin Mora drove in four runs and the visiting Orioles snapped a season-high 12-game losing streak. their longest since dropping the final 12 games of the 2002 season Sidney Ponson (9-13) allowed

five runs and 12 hits — 11 of them singles — in seven innings, but won for the sixth time in his last seven decisions.

Indians 9, White Sox 0: At Cleveland, Scott Elarton (3-3) pitched a two-hitter for his first career shutout and Casey Blake hit two of the Indians' four homers and drove in four runs.

Travis Hafner and Ronnie Belliard also connected for Cleveland in the fastest game in Jacobs Field history, 1 hour, 56 minutes.

Mariners 5, Royals 4: At Seat-tle, Ichiro Suzuki went 3-for-4 with a homer and scored three runs. Suzuki, chasing George Sisler's big league season record of 257 hits in 1920, has 209

Ron Villone (5-4) pitched three scoreless innings to win it.

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Classic Greek drama



U.S. athletes found triumph, heartbreak in Athens

BY LARRY MCSHANE

ATHENS, Greece
ittle things meant a lot in Athens: a tear from Mia
Hamm's eye, or a smile across Jennie Finch's
mouth, was as good as gold.

A pair of abandoned wrestling shoes, size 13, signaled goodbye for Rulon Gardner. A track baton, about a foot long, turned to kryptonite as the U.S. women's 400-meter relay team fumbled the last medal hopes of Sydney super

These snapshots make up the bigger picture in Athens: 17 days of emotion and excitement in the birthplace of the Games, 108 years after the first modern Olympiad in the same Mediterranean city.

Athletes followed the ancient footsteps of a doomed distance runner from Marathon, or collected medals in arenas long reserved for Olympic ghosts.

The Americans embraced the history and made a little themselves: They broke the 100-medal mark to eclipse their team goal. With 103 medals (35 gold, 39 silver, 29 bronze), they topped the Athens medal chart and enjoyed their largest haul since Barcelona's 108 in 1992.

But they left Greece with more than just a cache of precious metals.

"It's not about the medal." said soccer star Mia Hamm.

"It's not about the medal," said soccer star Mia Hamm, a two-time gold medalist making her third Olympic trek. "It's about the journey."

For the U.S. team, the journey began once Michael Phelps plunged into the Olympic pool. When he finally tow-eled off for the last time, the 19-year-old had a record-tying eight medals — six gold, two bronze in the first eight days of the Games.

The classy youth demonstrated grace beyond his years by surrendering his spot in the 400-meter medley relay final to his teammate and top rival, Ian Crocker.

Even Mark Spitz, whose record seven golds in a single games survived Phelps' onslaught, never turned that trick. Crocker won, too, as the U.S. swimmers ruled the Olympic pool, winning 12 golds and 28 medals.

Phelps led a bright new generation of U.S. Olympians: Schelber Finch and sprinter Justin Gatlin, soccer's Heather O'Reilly and hoopster Diana Taurasi, boxer Andre Ward and gymnast Carly Patterson — gold medal winners all.

The old guard, some ending long Olympic journeys, left their successors a legacy. Hamm, Joy Fawcett and Julie Foudy retired after winning their golds in an overtime thriller. Dawn Staley, Lisa Leslie and Sheryl Swoopes won their third straight basketball gold; Staley won't be back, either.

Gardner, who settled for a bronze after nearly dying two years ago after a snowmobile accident, provided an unforgettable tableau: tears streaming down the face of the super heavyweight as he deposited his shoes in the middle

of the mat and walked away from his sport for good. Yes, there is crying in wrestling. Or there is if you're Rulon Gardner. But that's the way things went in Athens.

Not even Nostradamus, in his most outrageous quatrain, could have predicted such drama and delight. The Games were preceded by massive cost overruns, blown construction deadlines and dire predictions. This would be "Fear and Loathing in Athens," with the specter of terrorists supplying the first and the Americans targeted for the latter.

But it never came to pass, and the U.S. teams even turned the occasional, relatively mild anti-American out-burst into motivation.

"The audience — there was a love-hate relationship," explained 100-meter gold medalist Gatlin, who also took home a silver and a bronze. "Every time I stepped out on the line, I had chills. It was electrifying."

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